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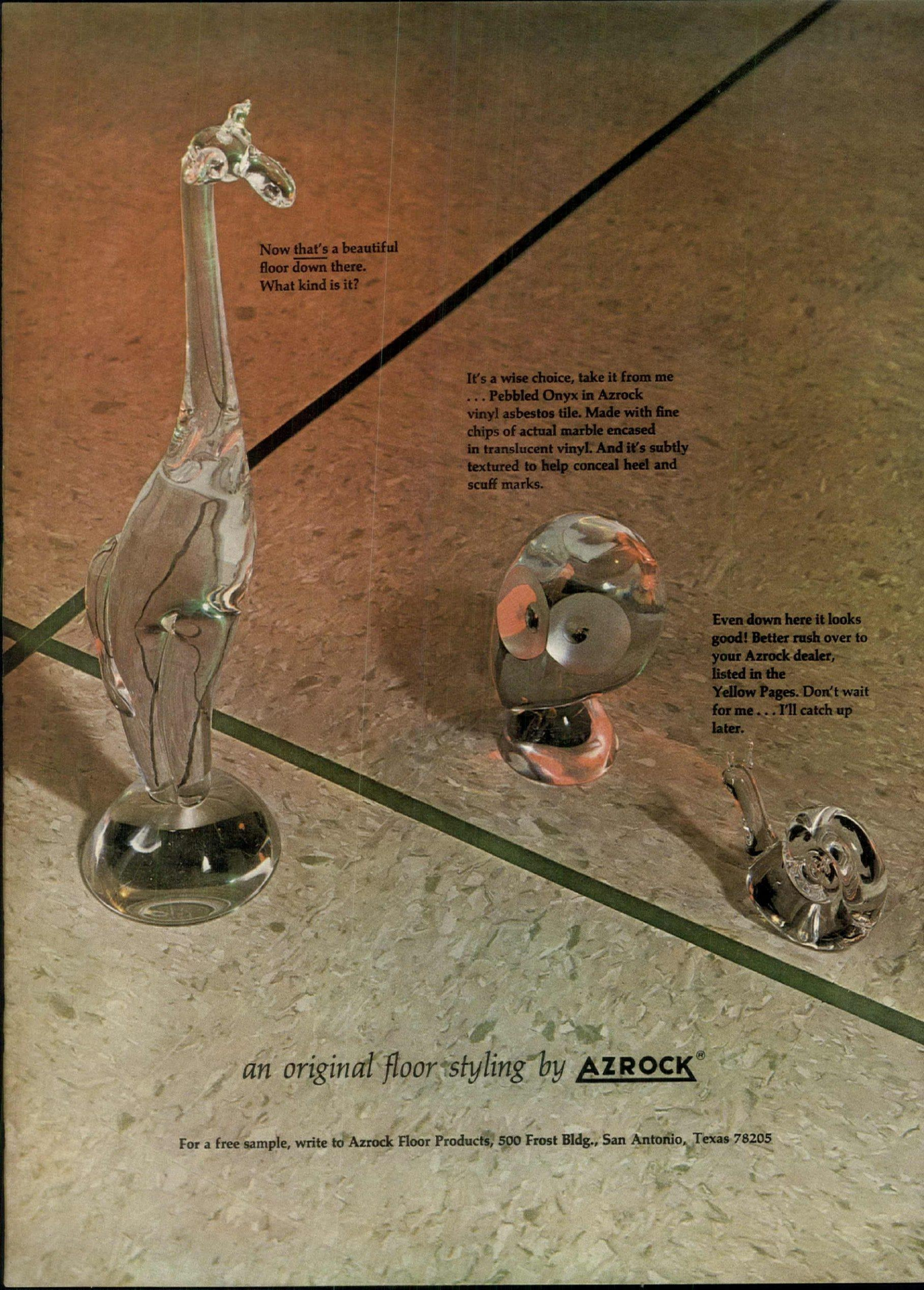
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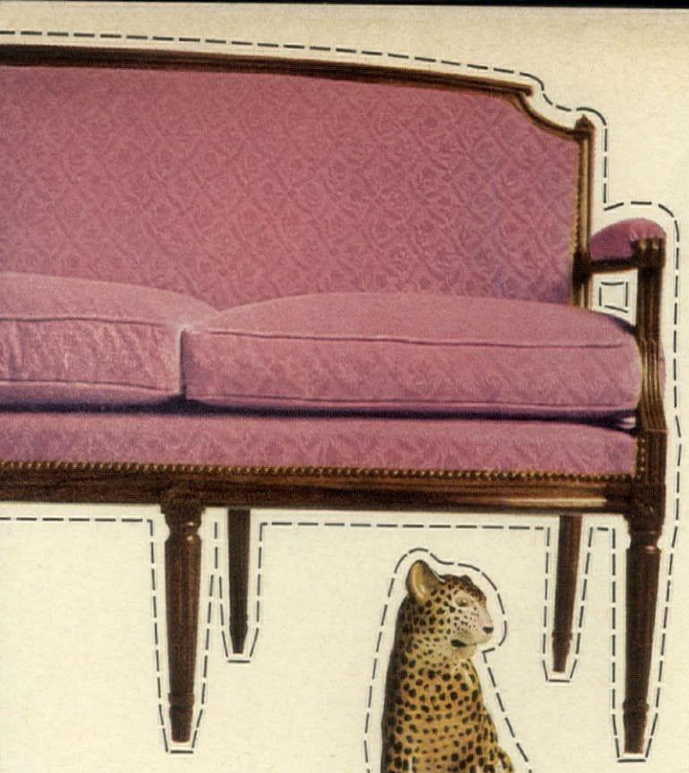
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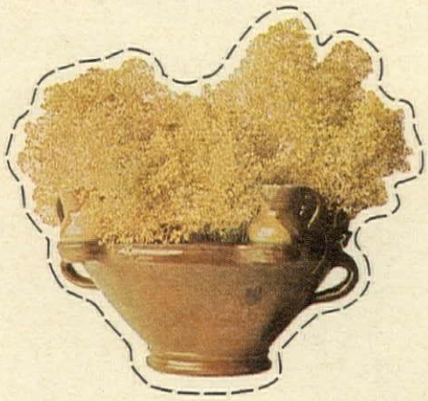
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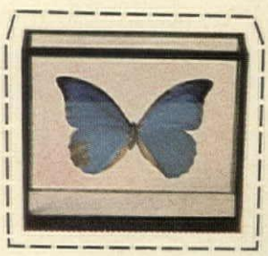
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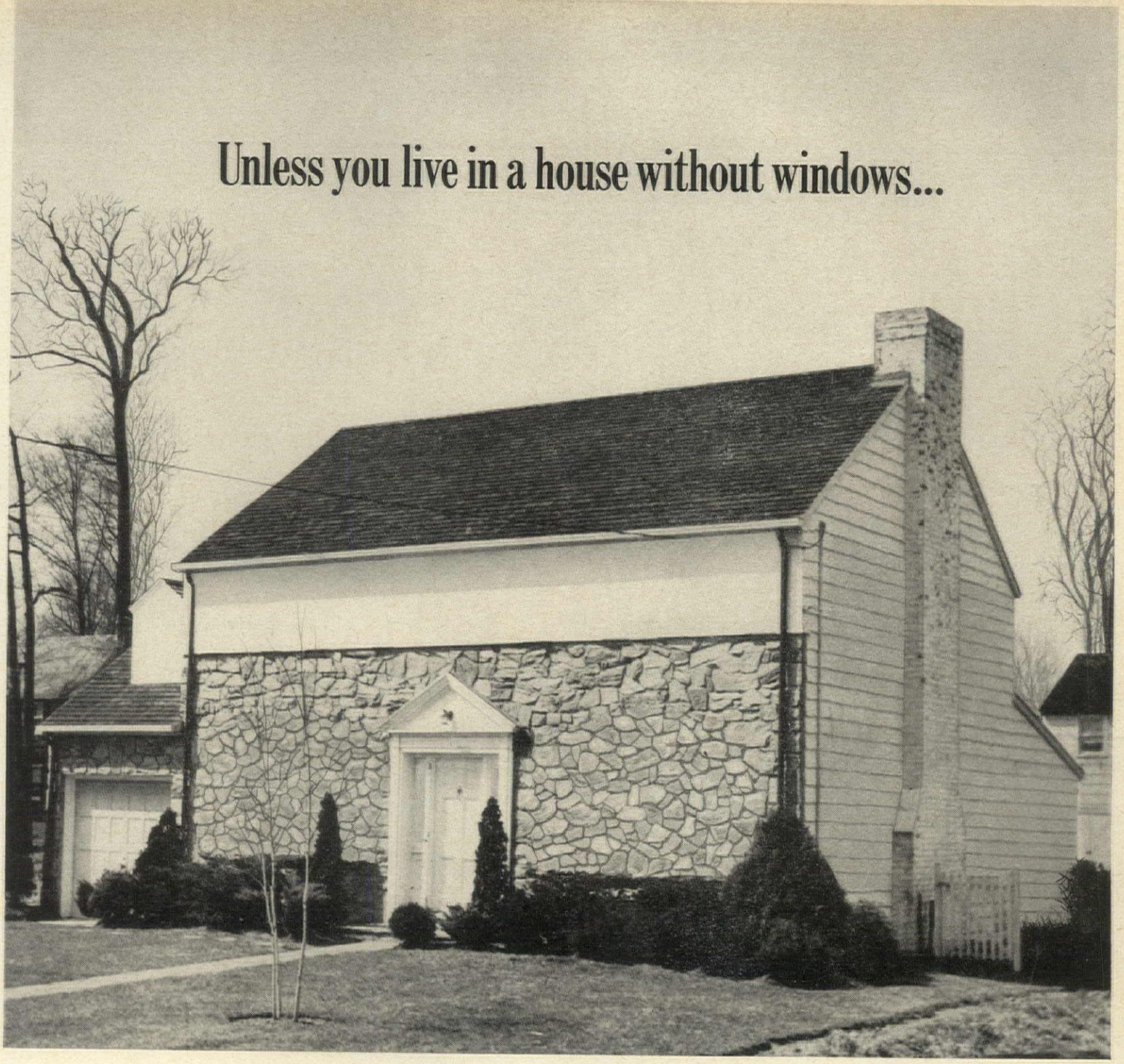
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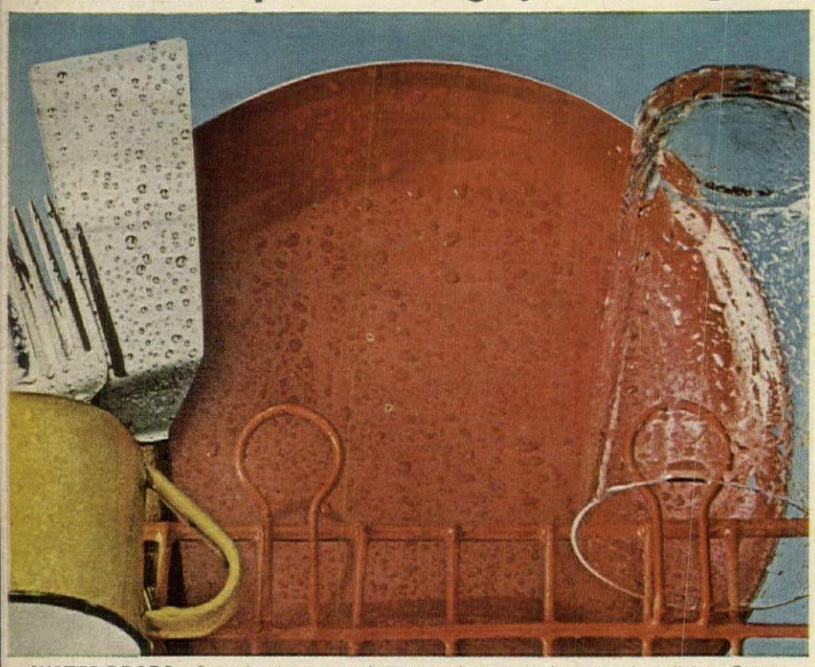
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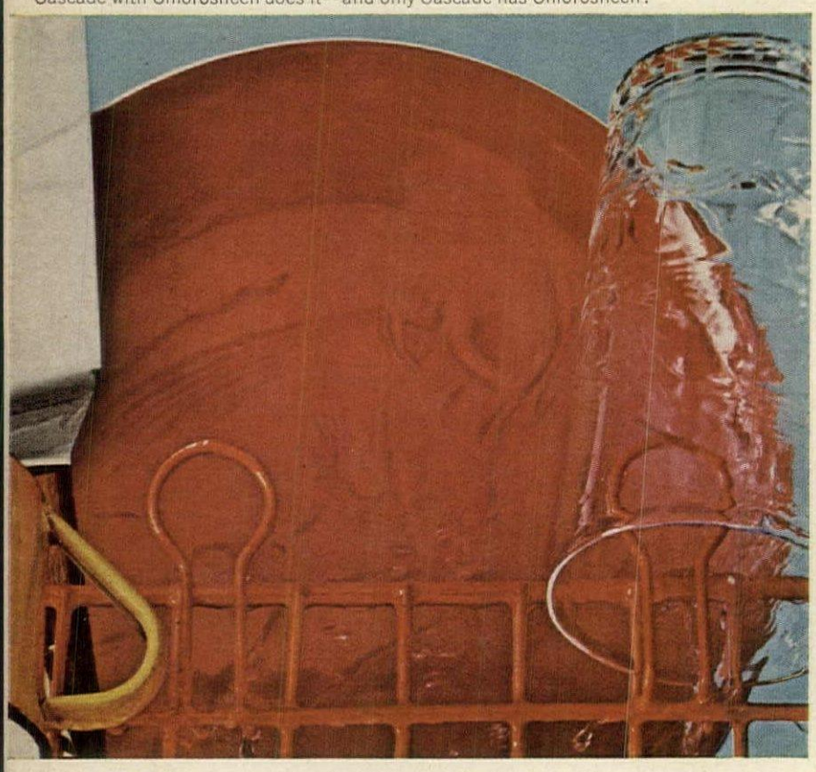
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M. C. B.—Waterbury, Conn.

Apparently you do have an antique spoon and a fine one. The hallmarks show that it is the George III pattern, London, 1813. The makers were S. Godbehere, Ed. Wigan & J. Bult. These spoons make marvelous casserole servers.



MARY GREGORY GLASS

I have a pair of vases that were given to my grandmother about 1890. They are a deep opaque blue, hand-blown with a hand-painted figure of a boy on one and girl in a swing on the other. They are signed "Mary Gregory"—is that what this kind of vase is called?
S. DeL.—Sulphur, Okla.

Your vases were made at the Boston & Sandwich Factory, Sandwich, Mass.—Mary Gregory was one of the staff decorators. This glass was made between about 1875 and the date the factory closed (January 1, 1888).



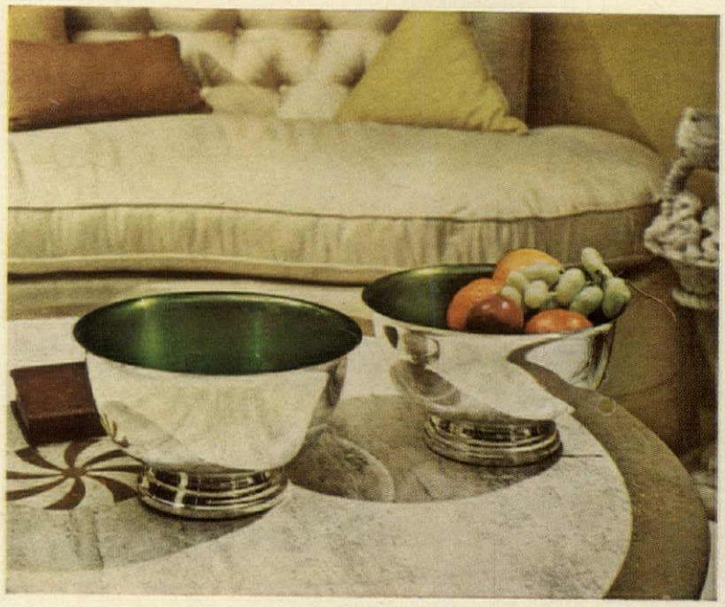
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Last summer I acquired this table at an auction and have been wondering ever since where it came from originally. There is no mark on the piece, but I'm sure it was hand-carved. *R. Z.—New Haven, Conn.*

I can only give an educated guess, since a table such as yours is not illustrated in any of the books I have seen on antique European furniture. Yet I believe it is of European provenance, probably made in the eighteenth century by a skilled cabinetmaker.

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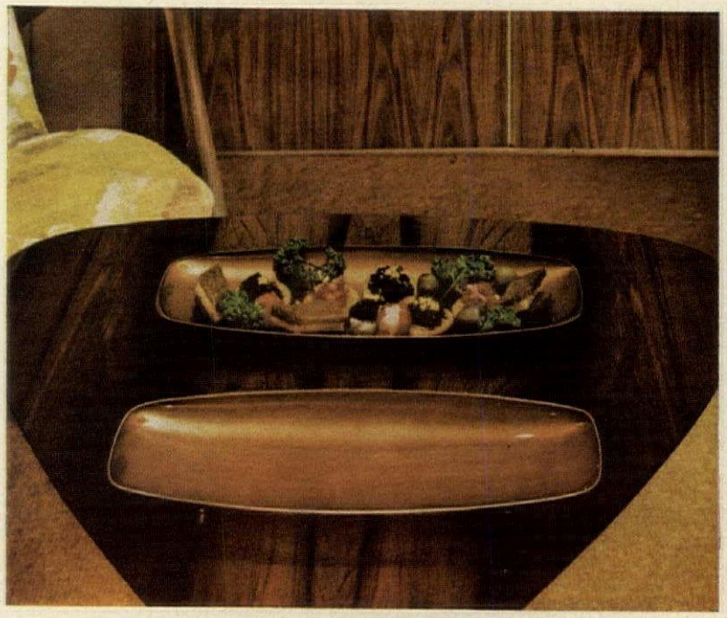
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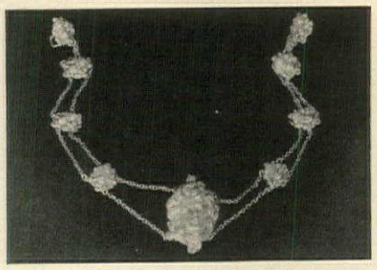
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Such belts were very fashionable between 1900 and 1910, worn with a shirtwaist and skirt. This was the Gibson girl era. The heads on the belt are copies of Charles Dana Gibson's drawings.



ENGLISH DAVENPORT DESK

The dealer called this a ship captain's desk, but because of its satinwood inlay and ormolu mounts, I believe it might be a davenport. What do you think? *F.R.R.—Chicago, Ill.*

It is an English Victorian davenport desk, dating about 1840-1860. Such fine trim indicates the work of a cabinetmaker rather than a factory.



MILK GLASS PITCHER



From the picture and mark, can you please identify my twelve-panel blue milk glass pitcher? *C.B.—Plainville, Kan.*

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PAINTED CHAIRS AND SETTEE

This set of furniture has been in the family since 1800, perhaps earlier. Someone suggested they are Chippendale. What is your judgment? *L.L.L.—Claremont, Calif.*

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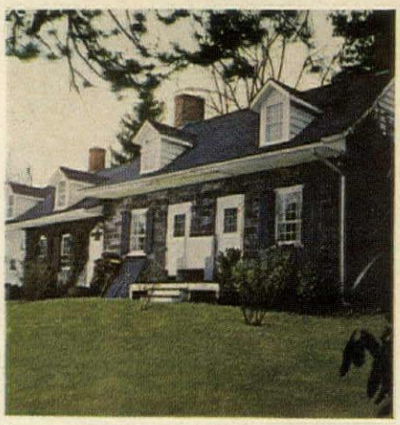


EUROPEAN BLOCK-FRONT CHEST

This three-drawer chest is 36 inches high, 27 inches deep and 51 inches long. The outside is veneered with various brown and black woods, while the inside is rough and unfinished. Could you date it and tell me where it came from? *C.D.J.—Chico, Calif.*

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Notes for the Hostess

BY DIANA BRYAN

When Clara Rawlings planned a shower for her soon-to-be-married daughter, she picked a theme close to Betsy's heart—strawberries. (As a little girl, Betsy had wanted even her best dresses to be embroidered with strawberries.) We guests went into a huddle beforehand to make sure we didn't all come up with the same strawberry-trimmed present, and the ensuing diversity was amazing.

Prize of the lot was the set of porcelain enamel cooking utensils Betsy's godmother found at Altman's. Each piece was jade green, with a bright red strawberry serving as a handle on the lid. (There was even a strawberry on the side



of the colander, just for fun.) My gift was a set of white pottery canisters, also from Altman's, also with a bright red strawberry knob on each lid.

One imaginative guest brought three flats of *fraise des bois* to edge the flower beds of Betsy's new little garden—both decorative and fruit-bearing. Someone else presented her with twelve jars of sun-cooked strawberry jam and an Italian terra-cotta jam jar. Place mats, towels, tumblers—all embroidered or printed with strawberries—gave Betsy a cheerful housekeeping send-off.

The party table and tea goodies completed the festival theme—red tablecloth, fruit centerpiece and shortcakes.

A friend of mine, a tea connoisseur of no mean knowledge, inspired me with the idea of bringing a weekend hostess a rare blend of tea as a house-guest present. Most of us are unaware of the rich variety of teas that are available; we tend to think of tea as hot or iced, with milk or lemon, and that's about it. Without making a mystique of it, I set about to learn from my tea-buff friend. I have found Lapsang Soochang, a smoky-flavored type, particularly good on cool afternoons. Hu Kwa is a marvelous full-bodied all-around tea. For a pick-me-up, Gunpowder tea has stringent authority. There are so many teas—Darjeeling, English breakfast teas, flower- and fruit-scented teas, and countless custom-blended mixtures if you are lucky enough to live near a tea shop. Since few hostesses stock more than one or two varieties, the odds are long that any one you pick as a gift will be a new taste treat. After all, it's said that the English in the eighteenth century made some of their finest porcelain expressly to honor tea.

A business friend of Don's who dined with us recently brought us the most delicious treat—a 5-pound bag of Zaloom 8-Star Natural pistachio nuts. These colossal nuts bear little resemblance to the usual pink-shelled kind that stains everybody's fingers. Free from artificial coloring, large and only lightly salted, they are a delicacy to relish.

Tips from my party-food file, emergency rations department: A jar of cooked shrimp in a marinade of spices and wine vinegar will keep for three weeks in the refrigerator and will make an extra-special instant hors d'oeuvre served on toast rounds. Crêpes a Dentelles, Mme. Tanguy, those lacy French rolled cookies from Quimper, France, will turn a mundane dessert into something special. Serve them with cut-up fruit or with ice cream. Bloomingdale's carries them, also another rather exotic product—Couscous de luxe Arabior, that marvelous North African cereal which you can substitute for rice or potatoes. We like it especially accompanying stew.

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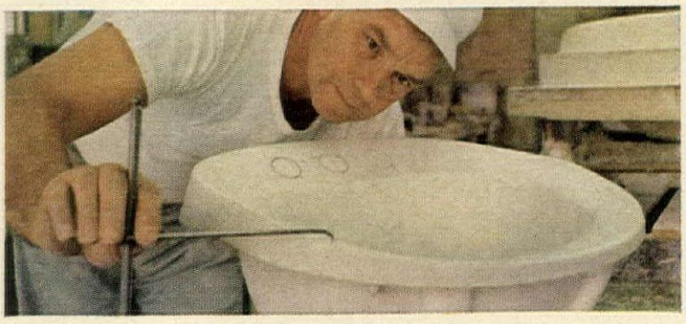
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How to hang your treasures on the wall

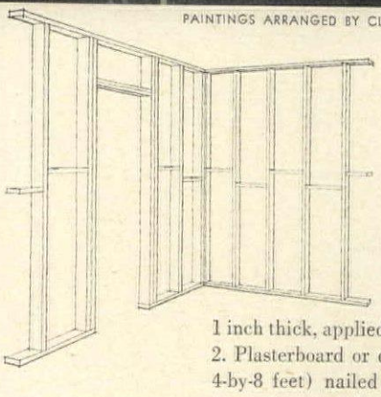
A guide to the proper technique for hanging shelves, pictures, mirrors and sculpture

To mount something on a wall properly calls for more than finding a fastener hefty enough for the weight of the object. First, you must know your wall. There are vast differences—between the walls within the same house or apartment, and between those in one house or apartment and another. We have all had experience with walls that appear innocent enough, but turn out to be as hard as the Rock of Gibraltar—or with others that will admit a nail halfway and no further. Still other walls crumble alarmingly at the slightest tap of your hammer, leaving a big hole around your nail. So your favorite landscape that went up so quickly in one place may require a different hanging technique and even a different fastening when you move to a new house, or transfer the picture to another room. You may even run into trouble if you move the picture only a few feet. The hanging nail that went so easily and securely into the wall over the couch may go *too* easily into the wall by the desk and be so loose you can pull it out with your fingers.

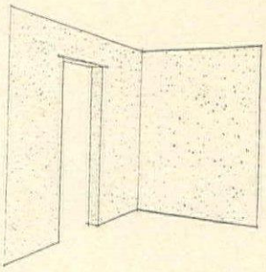
You will have to suit your method both to the object you are hanging and to the type of wall. Begin by finding out what kind of walls you have. If you have bought your house recently, the real estate agent can tell you. If you live in an old house, your town's Building Department should have the original plans of your house filed in its records. In an apartment house, your superintendent or landlord should know what the walls are made of. Chances are your inside walls are plaster or plasterboard, over wood framing. On the *opposite page* are the three most common types of walls, and on page 20 you will find a selection of fastenings and drilling tools.



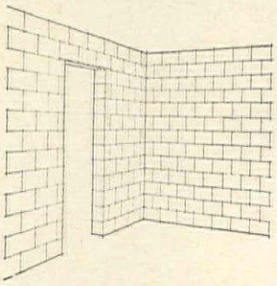
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Two-by-four wood framing is the most common type of wall construction found in houses or apartments that have fire escapes. The wood studs are placed about 16 inches apart and reinforced with horizontals. Two main types of materials may finish the frame: 1. Plaster (about 1 inch thick, applied over either metal or gypsum lath). 2. Plasterboard or dry wall (a dry composition board 4-by-8 feet) nailed directly to the studs. With either type, there is a layer of solid material on both sides of the frame with hollow space in between—which is why you can fasten securely in some places (at the studs), while a few inches away a nail will go through the material into the empty space. With a hollow framed wall, it often pays to locate a stud by trial-and-error: Starting at a corner, drive a very thin long nail into the wall repeatedly, near the baseboard or floor where it won't show, until you find a stud. Then you know there will be another 16 inches to each side of it.



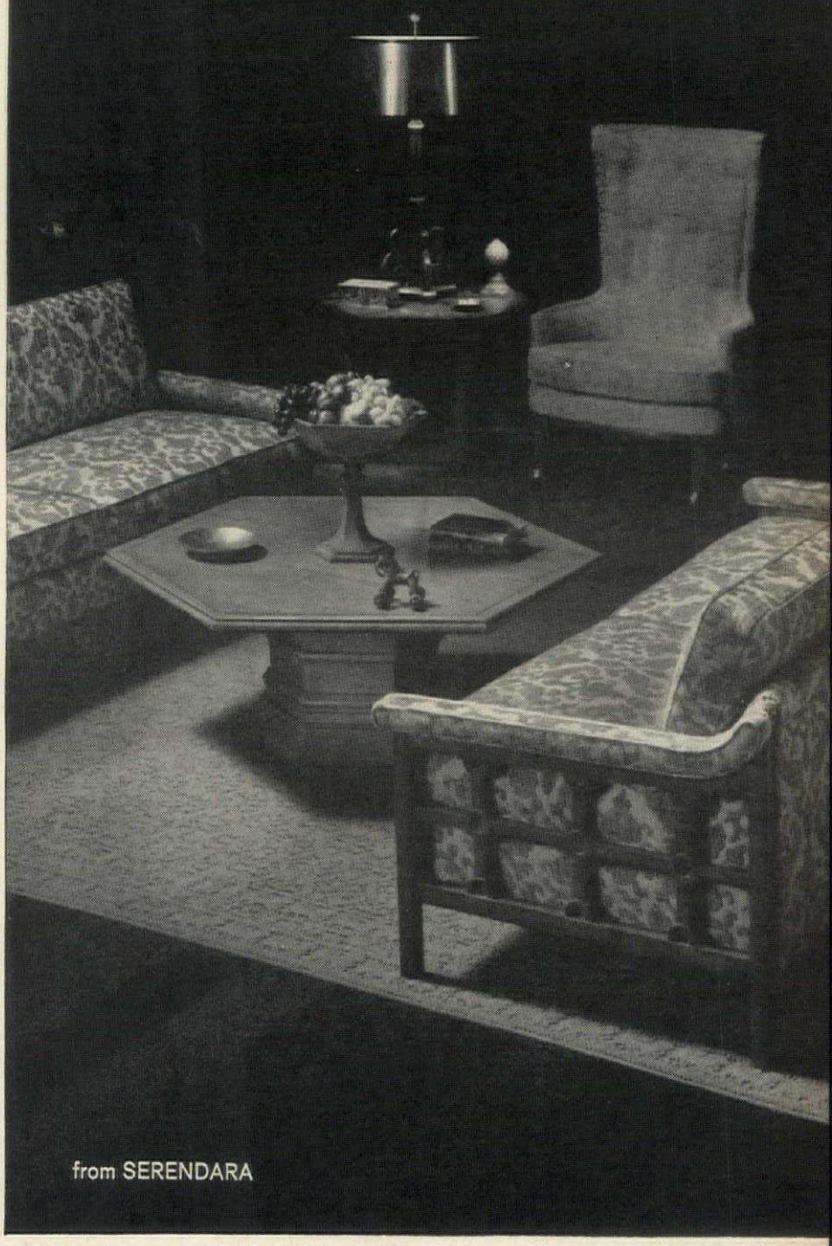
Solid concrete walls are usually found in basements, occasionally in two-story garden apartments that have exterior walls of brick. In some basements the concrete is left unpainted and is easily recognizable. Painted concrete resembles a rough plaster wall—but is actually as hard as a rock and impossible to nail into.



Concrete block walls are used in fireproof apartment buildings and in many houses in Florida and the Southwest. The blocks, painted or plastered, are very hard to nail into. But often strips of wood are applied to the wall, and attached is a covering of 4-by-8 sheets of plywood or dry wall into which you can nail.

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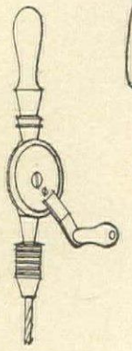
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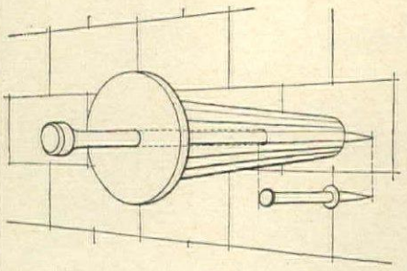
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A power drill is more useful than a hammer when you want to hang objects on either hollow framed or concrete block walls (whether painted or covered with plaster or dry wall). For many types of fasteners you have to drill a hole.

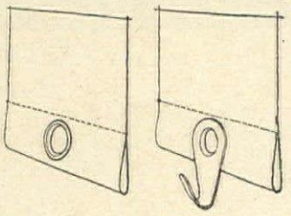


A hand drill costs less than a motorized one, but takes more muscle power. Making a hole in plaster with a hand drill isn't easy, but you are less likely to chip and crack the plaster than if you use a hammer. Also, many fasteners call for holes of specific diameter—in which case you simply insert the right-sized bit into the drill first.



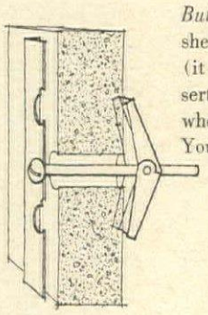
Fastening tool for concrete walls can be used to install shelves or curtain brackets. You fit steel pins into the small end of the cylindrical tool. Hold the tool against the wall and drive the pin in by tapping (with a hammer) the steel rod that sticks out of the large end. Action inside the tool increases force of ordinary hammer blows so pin goes into the wall easily.

Glue-on fasteners for lightweight objects can be used on any kind of wall. You attach the cloth tab with the eyelet to the back of the picture and glue the tab with the hook to the wall. Before mounting, moisten gummed sides. Then press firmly to the two surfaces and rub to squeeze out air bubbles. Let dry 30 minutes before use.

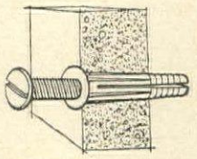


Plastic hook has double nail-holding power, and should be used on walls covered with plasterboard (dry wall) or plywood paneling. If you want to use it on walls finished with plaster, apply a piece of adhesive or cellophane tape where you plan to install the hook. This will reduce the chance of cracking or chipping plaster.

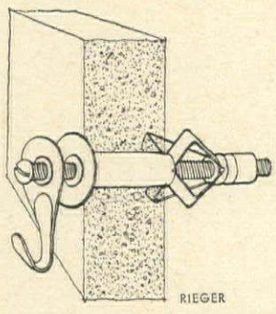




Butterfly bolts are used to support very heavy mirrors and shelves. They can be installed only on hollow framed walls (it doesn't matter what the surface material is). You insert the screw and winged nut through a pre-drilled hole; when the nut reaches the other side the wings fly open. You can then tighten screw, adding pressure to secure nut.



Plastic plug also provides firm anchorage for heavy items. You can use it on either solid or hollow framed walls covered with either plaster or dry wall. You drill a hole to match size of plug, then hammer the plug in. As you insert the screw, the plug spreads apart to create a tight, slide-out-proof connection.



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Molly bolt, another heavyweight, requires a hollow framed wall to perform properly. You first drill a hole, then place a specially designed sleeve in it. As you insert and tighten the screw, the sleeve contracts, forcing four small fins to spread and apply a firm pressure to the back side of the wall-surfacing material.



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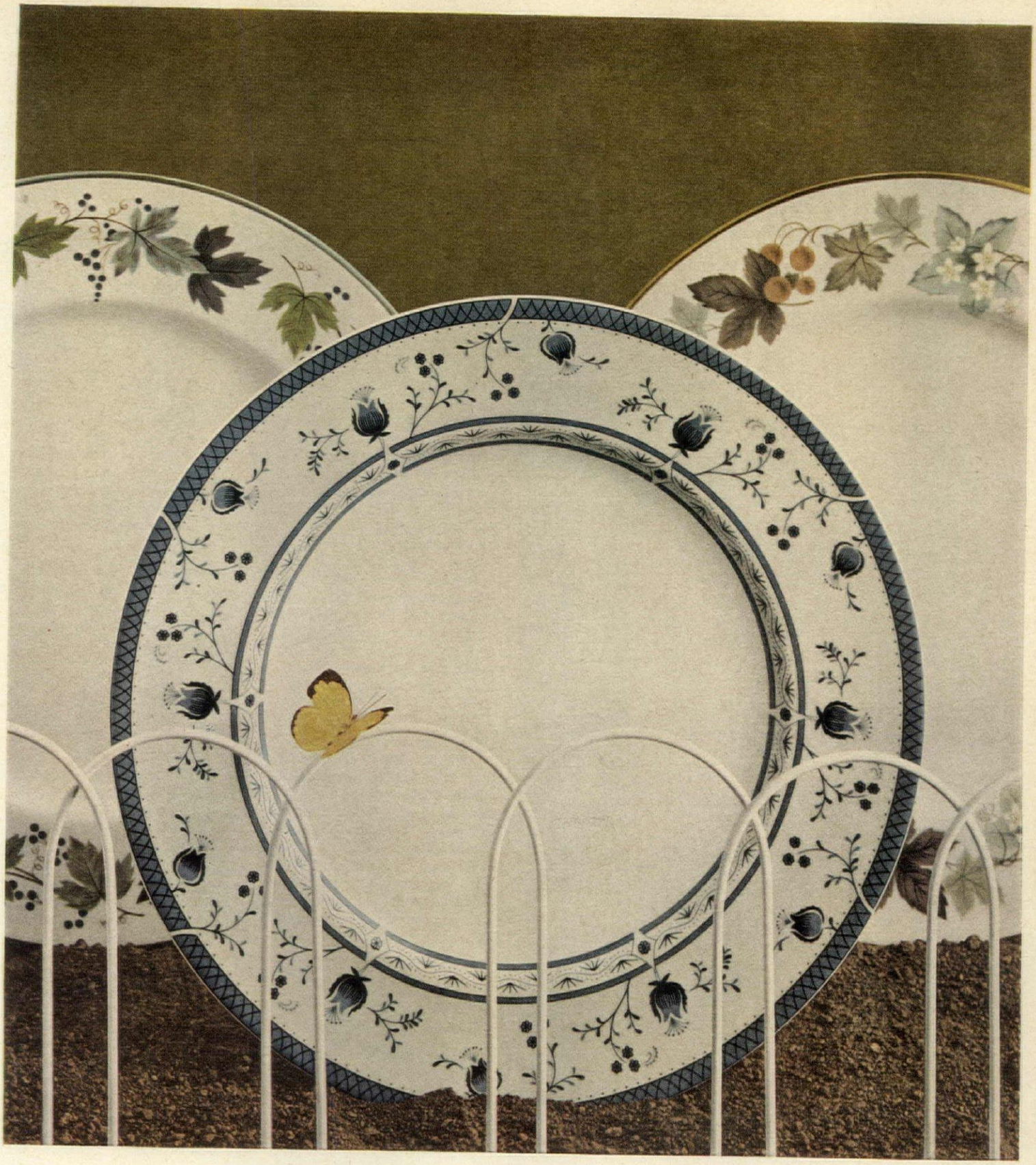


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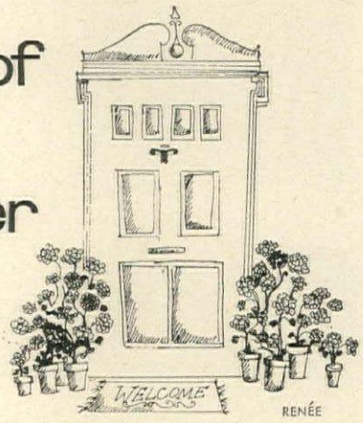
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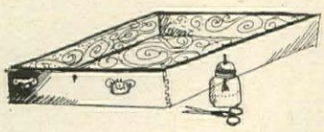


BY MARY ELIZABETH FALTER

Spring always seems to come rather slowly and tentatively until the first of May. Then, from that very day, the trees seem to compete with each other to see which will be first with leaf and blossom. The old apple orchard on the back of our hill is a blur of green, and soon it will explode into a drift of pink and white. Each year, this is my cue to retrieve our tall standard geraniums from their winter boarding at the nursery. We put one on each side of the front door, flanked by other matching salmon pink geraniums of varying sizes so that they give the effect of solid banks of crisp pink and green.

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On opening the drawers of our lowboy the other day, I observed that the insides of this dear old antique certainly didn't do justice to its heritage. So first I disposed of much of the contents (an unfamiliar key, a toy plastic automobile with no wheels, three dog-eared playing cards, an empty candy bag—that sort of thing). Then I lined the three drawers with fine Italian marbled paper



that I got at a book and gift shop, and I think I've worked out an easy formula for lining drawers: First remove the drawer and brush out every bit of dust and dirt. Then take the length and width measurement of the drawer. Mark the paper evenly on the back with a ruler. Cut it with scissors, staying about a quarter of an inch outside the ruled line. Cover the piece of paper with a light, even coat of rubber cement and apply to the bottom of the drawer. Rub it all over with a dry cloth and then trim the excess with a razor blade or a mat knife. (The extra paper allows for the small irregularities in the drawer.) Follow the same idea for the sides of the drawer, cutting a long enough strip to cover two sides at a time. Again, press into place and trim. After mine had thoroughly set, I gave the drawers two coats of colorless varnish. Now they contain our game equipment: playing cards and scores, the backgammon men and board, dominoes and some of the children's favorites.

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Since everyone in our family wears glasses some or all of the time, I've taken to keeping a bottle of eyeglass cleaner and a dispenser package of lens-polishing tissues in each bathroom. Now we can clean our glasses when we wash our faces, and what's more, I often give the mirror a quick swipe with the eyeglass cleaner, too, when it's steamed or smeared.

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We have really gotten a lot of use out of our disposable plastic gloves. They are so light and flexible you don't feel any weight on your hands when you use them for a messy job like cleaning the oven or doing some painting. As there is nothing worse than trying to clean up rubber gloves after a stint of dirty work, these are great because you can simply throw them away. When the next job turns up, you just pull another pair off the dispenser roll. They are roomy enough to fit most male hands, too. By the way, we've found that Handgards cling better if you hold them under the hot water for a few minutes after you put them on. Then mold the fingers and dry with a paper towel.

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Recently I purchased a room refresher spray that not only smells delightfully fresh, but at the same time works as a disinfectant. We use it in all corners of the house, have a can on each floor. It may have even helped prevent that last cold of Tommy's from spreading through the family because I kept a can in his room and used it frequently to spray the air and the things he handled. I notice it works against musty odors in

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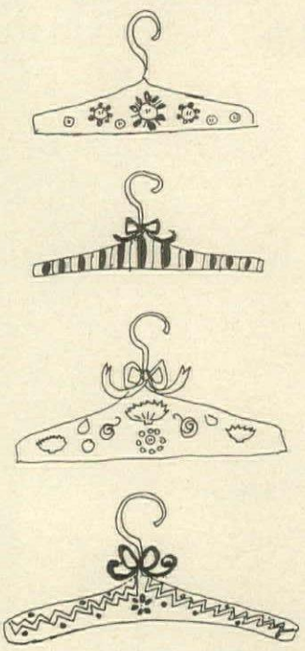
damp weather. Glade is also excellent for families with new pets —aids in house training because it covers the traces of an accident so the animal won't return to the same spot.

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Teflon fan that I am, I was delighted to find a new product that can be used to repair marred Teflon-treated cookware and to convert plain pots and pans to nonstick ones. It comes in a spray can, which means it's easy to use, and the directions are simple. Applied on a warm surface, Ply provides a protective, no-stick coating that lasts about two months. I repaired two of my skillets that had some scratches in the Teflon covering, and now they work just as well as ever.

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Last weekend it rained most of the time, so Sally and I amused ourselves by making some stylish coat hangers. Without going out of the house for materials, we bedecked a dozen hangers just with scraps we had on hand. We took simple wooden hangers, the kind without the crossbar, sanded and cleaned them up a bit and then sprayed them with a can of dark green quick-drying lacquer left over from a tray project. When they were good and dry, we glued



on some simple decorations with Elmer's Glue-All. One hanger has a row of pearl buttons along the front, another has three neat flat bows of bias tape. The most successful ones were trimmed with all the odds and ends of rickrack braid we found in the sewing box. By gluing it to the top edge of the hanger as well as the front, we achieved a nonslip surface for dresses that tend to slide off their hangers.

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Came upon some gay flannel dusters and dusting mitts the other day, just in time for some of my extra spring-cleaning chores. The dusters are long, open-ended tubes of flannel that can be slipped over a mop, folded into a pad or used any one of a number of ways. I find some chores go very fast when you wear a mitt on each hand. Dusters and mitts both come in bright red with tiny white dots, or red and yellow fine stripes. I found mine at Pampered Kitchens, 21 East 10th Street, New York, N. Y. 10003.

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Tom invented a new way to water our seedling vegetables that he's getting ready for the garden. He planted them in trays set along the south windows of the workshop, and they are doing beautifully. The only problem was watering them so that the water soaks into the soil, but doesn't flatten out the delicate little sprouts. Slowly dripped water was what he wanted, and our watering can was too fast. So Tom made some small holes in a beer can and just poured water through the can onto the plants. He can increase the flow of water as the plants grow by just increasing the size and number of the holes. Works fine.

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Goodness knows several highly efficient oven cleaners have been around for some time, but the newer ones are truly amazing. I tried one the other day and couldn't believe what I saw. In five minutes the sprayed-on chemical had softened every smidge of grime and grease on the walls and top of the oven, and I just wiped them off with a damp cloth. I didn't even have to wear rubber gloves. Jifoam is nonflammable and doesn't drip onto the counters or floors because the fine spray stays right where you want the action. I find I can keep the stove sparkling clean by spraying and wiping any greasy or scorched spots after each meal, so they don't accumulate.



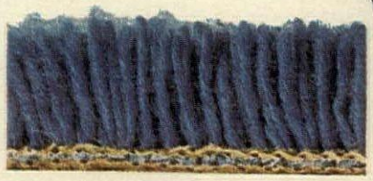
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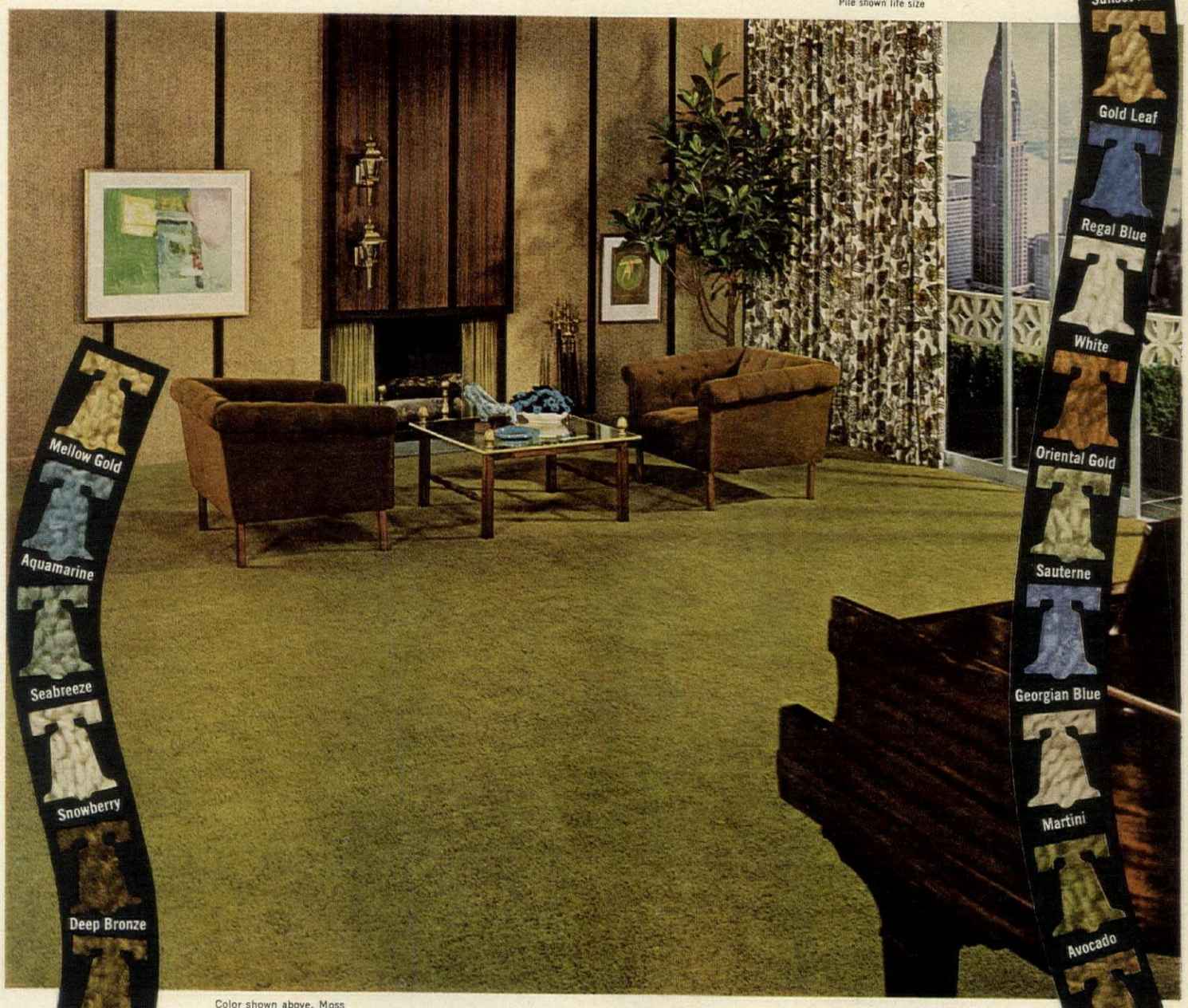
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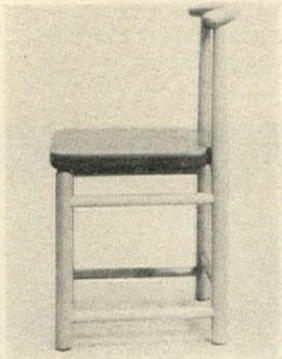
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A CHAIR FOR EVERY CHILD

Small chairs, like small people, come in a wide range of types. When you select one, be sure it is attractive and well made, of course, and that its design will suit the child you have in mind.

The internationalist:

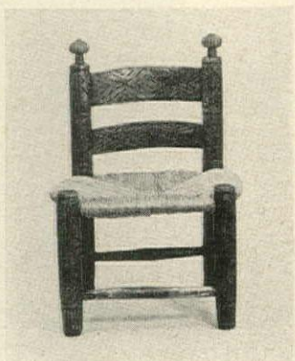
For the child who wears a beret, *lederhosen*, perhaps, and a smock for serious work—for the child who has toys from every land—a little birch chair that is obviously from Sweden would be eminently suitable. The 13-inch-high seat comes painted red or blue. From Children's Workbench. $12.95.





The rustic:

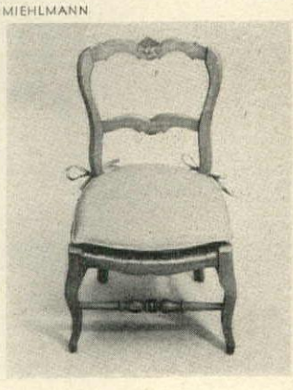
The outdoorsy youngster whose room is filled with plants and fish and nature lore would take to an airy woven-palm chair that comes from the Philippines. Its over-all height, 22 inches. From Be Seated. $15.



The primitive:

For the child who in his secret world lives in the jungle and carries a machete and talks to monkeys, how about a little rush-seated chair from Haiti. The stained mahogany frame is carved with appropriate crudeness for a true Rousseau-ian. Seat height, 11 inches. From Be Seated. $15.

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The patrician:

For the fastidious child with an inborn taste for luxury, what could be more suitable than a miniature side chair with a French accent. You can even go all out and give it an antique yellow finish and provide a hot pink cushion for the rush seat. Height of back, 24½ inches. From Bloomingdale's. $29.95 unpainted. The cushion, to order, $18.

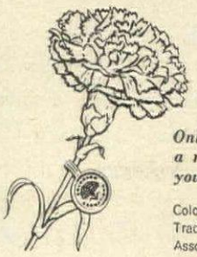
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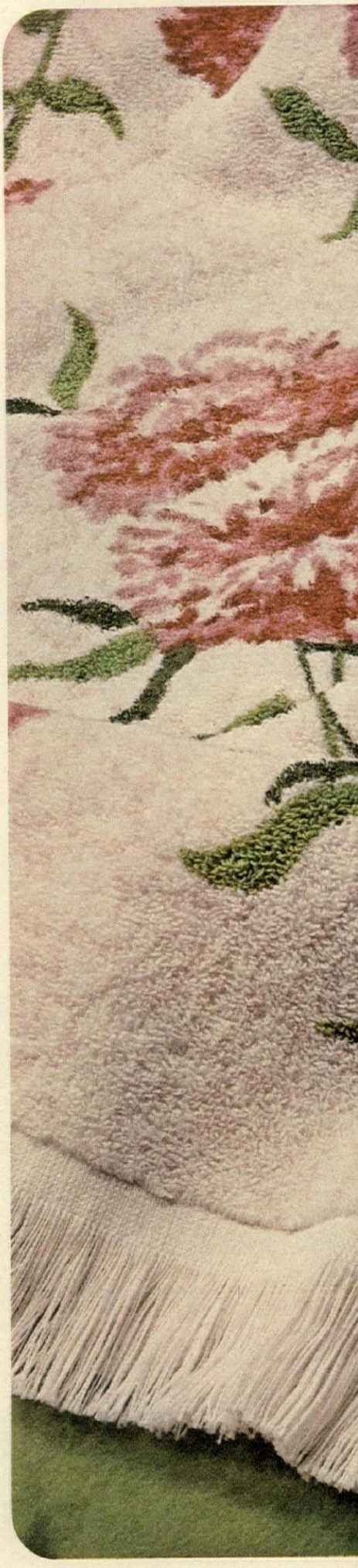
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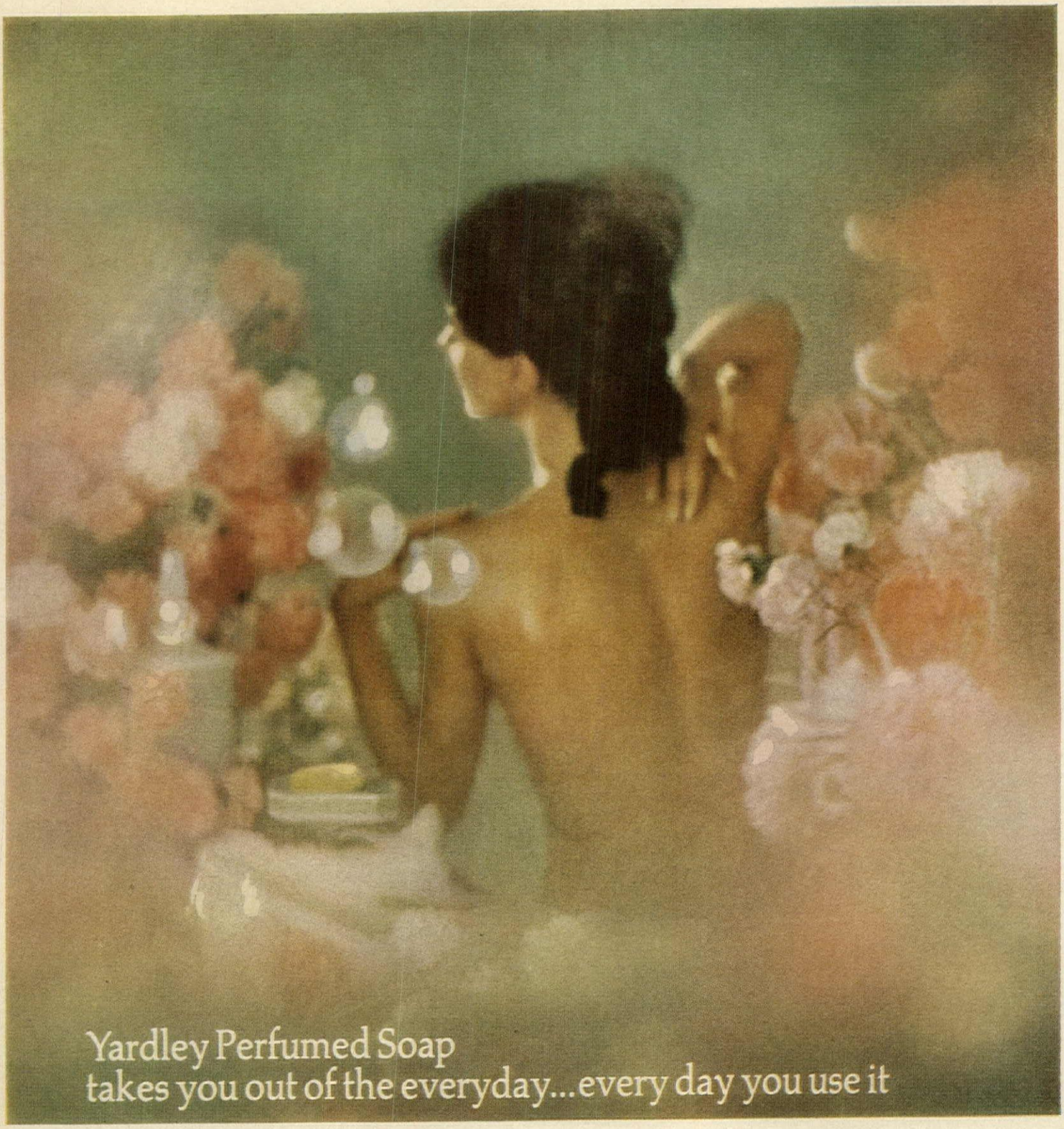


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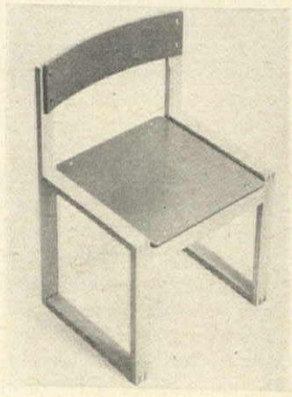
The extrovert:

The folksy, unaffected youngster who loves bright color and simple, bold design would certainly choose for himself a gaily painted little chair from Mexico. The rush seat, 10 inches high. From Taka. $4.98.



The traditionalist:

For a cozy child who loves the old-fashioned things—rocking a doll, for instance—be sure to provide a rocking chair. This one, Early American in design and made of maple and birch, comes painted white, black or nutmeg. Stands 29 inches high over-all. Made by Baumritter. $25.50.



The avant-garde:

For the straightforward, no-nonsense moppet who inhabits a very modern home, a sparsely cubic little birch chair would be great. A Swedish import, its red-painted seat is 13 inches high. From Children's Workbench. $19.50.

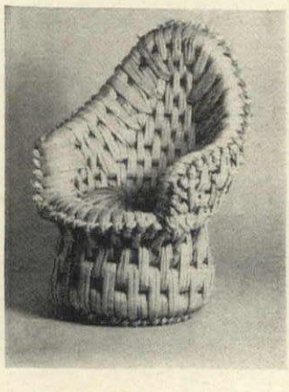


The vagabond:

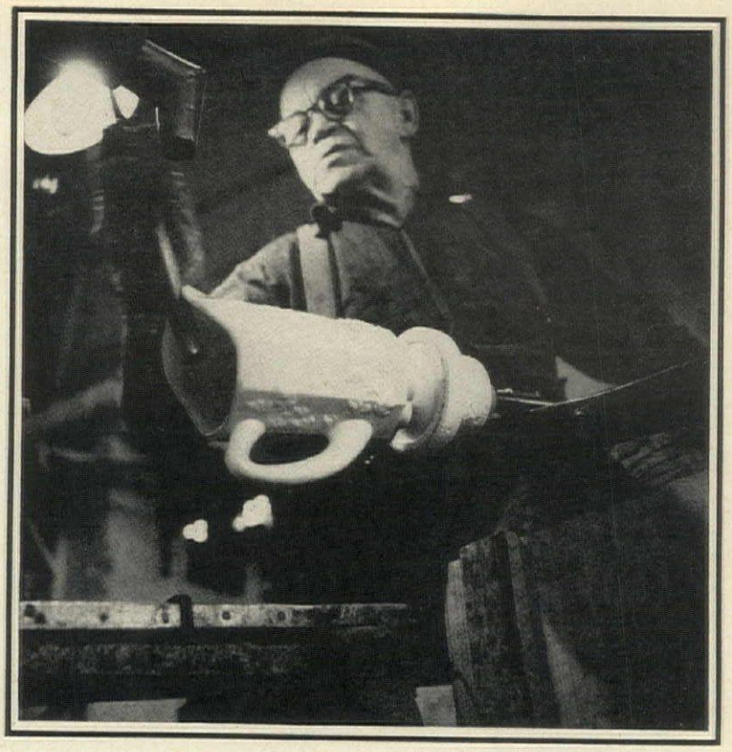
The child whose curiosity and sociable nature make him seem to occupy every room in the house needs a folding chair he can carry and set up easily wherever he lights. A 22-inch wrought-iron and reed number that folds flat would do very well. From Be Seated. $8.95.

The nonconformist:

The independent, offbeat youngster who enjoys whimsey will feel perfectly at home in a quaint little woven-rush armchair from Portugal. This charmer measures 22 inches high over-all. From Martin Freeman.*



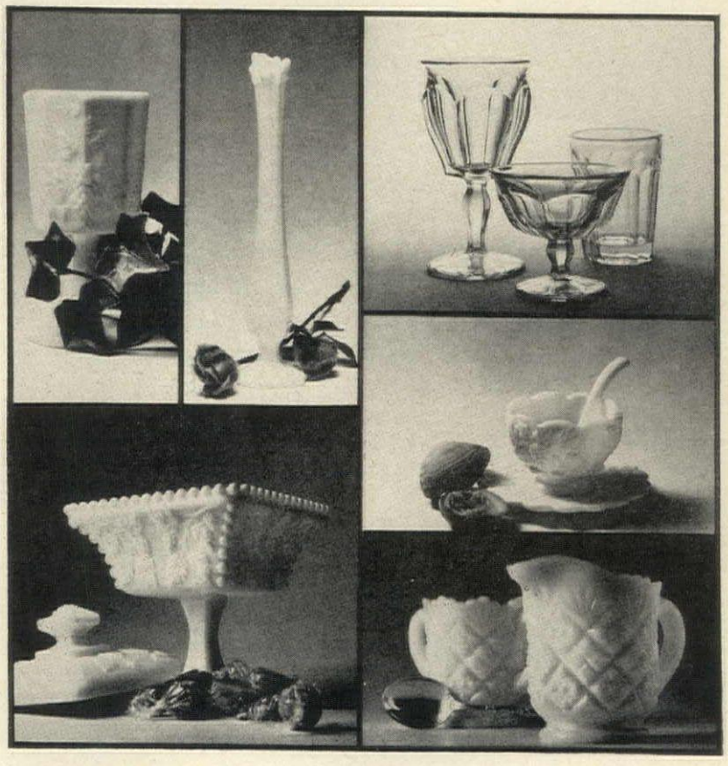
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In a series of interviews with well-versed bookmen from public and museum libraries, H&G was convinced that most of the professional techniques used to maintain and restore valuable library collections may be used in home libraries with equal success.

Without exception our authorities were in rabid agreement that 1, ignorance of the physiology of books accounts for the many invalid volumes one sees in even the most beautifully maintained houses; and 2, that generally speaking not one person in a thousand knows how to open a book without cracking its back. If these two tricks were taught from infancy or from the child's first cloth book, the librarians claim there would never be an injured book—worn out, yes, but not manhandled. They also waxed eloquent on the subject of regular care as opposed to the once-a-year housecleaning when every tome is exposed to a mass attack, only to snooze uneasily for the next twelve months under layers of destructive dust.

The apotheosis of dust-free housing for books is an arrangement of closed shelves with glass doors and with plenty of air circulation. But since the charm of open bookshelves cannot be denied, and you are probably less than a professional bookman, you must be prepared to pursue dust diligently. If an everyday stint is not practicable, set yourself a twice-a-week schedule, but stick to it faithfully. Using a soft, dry, clean cloth or soft brush, dust the books from back to front to head off any accumulation of loose dust in the headcap (top of back) that might one day cause the binding to deteriorate. Remove each book from the shelf as you dust it, and take a look at the shelf, too, since any dust left there has a nasty habit of working its way up into the binding and pages. Books may be vacuumed successfully providing the brush attachment is properly handled, i.e., moved *lightly* across the top of the book. Never press down. Hardbound covers (cloth on boards) may be freshened up when dingy with art gum or a soap eraser.

Soiled page edges are unattractive. If the dirt is not too deeply ingrained, you can improve their appearance greatly by sanding with the finest grade sandpaper or erasing with a soft soap eraser. Hold the book *very* firmly in a vise or clamp of some kind while doing this so pages will not ruffle back into permanent "curls."

Atmospheric conditions are most important. The ideal temperature for the well-being of your books is 65 to 75 degrees with a relative humidity of 50 per cent. (Who wouldn't flourish in such a climate?) Direct sunlight or strong light of any kind is injurious to leather and cloth bindings alike—dries out the former and fades both. And bookshelves should never be backed up to chimneys or placed over radiators—the bindings would dry and warp in short order. Overflow books stored in basements, garages, attics or under water pipes are almost certainly doomed.

Book experts differ about the relative value of air conditioners and humidifiers. Some feel a single room unit is better than nothing at all. Others feel that before a single unit can do much good for a book collection, its conditioned air is apt to have been dissipated under doors and through cracks. The ideal, of course, is a housewide system that may be regulated to give the library the perfect atmosphere for books.

Judicious weeding

If you own more books than you can possibly house properly, review the titles, selecting those you cannot be parted from (be stern with yourself); then bravely donate the balance to some worthy cause such as the American Merchant Marine Library Association. But be sure your discards are worth donating—for example, a ten-volume set of a financial report from a mission in deepest Africa published in 1872 is not. Sell that one for old paper and buy yourself a *new* book!

The dedicated book lover, of course, can no more resist buying books and more books than the fanatic fisherman can resist new tackle. But where to put them? One place not to put them is on a crowded shelf. Forcing books into

place is fatal. They should, nay, must stand loosely enough to be lifted off (not hooked off by a finger). Nor should books be used as props to hold up a partially filled shelf. They may look well, but they will fare badly. Sturdy book ends strong enough to hold the three end books are the only safe support. Oversize books, ideally, should have shelves deep enough to permit them to stand upright. But loose plates in boxes should lie flat.

Pests and pets find books very tasty! Regular dusting will reveal the arrival of silverfish, moths or worms before it becomes a major invasion. If only one or two books are affected, remove them at once. If one or more varieties of these unwelcome pests are found in any appreciable number, call a reliable exterminator at once. When rare or fine leather bindings are involved, consult a professional book restorer. The Guild of Book Workers will send you a list of reliable restorers in your vicinity. Pets, too, can be very destructive to books. For example, parakeets love paper, so keep an eye on your free-flying friends. Dogs and cats may not be book fanciers, but when in the puppy and kitten stage, any object in range may look toothsome.

Mildew can be a scourge if left untouched. A mild case will respond to wiping with a damp cloth and immediate removal from the mildew-prone location. Do not return the afflicted books to the same spot unless the source of the mildew has been firmly dealt with, either by introducing a room dehumidifier or one of the inexpensive commercial products (usually in a tin) which may be hidden behind books to absorb moisture.

Luxurious leather

Fine leather bindings are the aristocrats of the book world. To keep them in pristine condition requires regular inspection and treatment. Steam heat is their dread enemy—other temperature excesses are also to be watched. Dust and decrease of salts in leather will in time turn a once beautiful binding into a shabby, scruffy-looking one. Glass-doored shelves are highly recommended. In cases of very rare and valuable books, museum libraries often keep each rarity in its own box, allowing plenty of breathing space. Most book experts frown on tight slipcovers since they rub the corners (usually the first part to show wear) when the book is taken in and out.

Leather bindings may be handled freely as perspiration salt is good for them. Handling alone, however, will not be enough to keep the leather in good condition, unless you add some oil on a regular schedule. Generally speaking, leather bindings should be treated twice a year. Commercial preparations are not recommended unless the ingredients are known and printed on the container. One exception is "Lexol," a leather preservative endorsed by both the British Museum and Brentano's book store, the latter being one of the few retailers that maintains a service for rebinding and restoring leather-bound books. The Guild of Book Workers recommends sponging leather bindings twice a year with a solution made of one pound of potassium lactate, two gallons distilled water and five level teaspoons of paranitrophenol. After sponging, stand book upright and allow binding to dry twenty-four hours. Then apply a dressing made from 60 per cent neat's-foot oil and 40 per cent lanolin.

If you have old books in need of repair, and have any idea of their value (if not, try to find out), consult a professional restorer. Many a fine and valuable volume has been lost forever (or lost its intrinsic worth) by eager loving hands at home. Well-meaning home binders are not equipped to cope with the skill and painstaking care which must go into a good job of rebinding a fine volume. Although many books and articles have implied that bookbinding is a cinch, it is, on the contrary, an ancient and skilled art that requires lengthy training.

Book care primer

Here are some easy tricks which will help you keep your books in good shape (excellent lessons to teach your children):

- To open a newly bound book, lay it flat on a table or desk with the bottom edge toward you. Open to page 10 or thereabouts, then gently press down the hinge side of the left-hand page. Repeat with another small section of pages and continue until you reach the end. Now turn the book around (with back cover up) so that the top edges are toward you, and repeat the same procedure going from back cover to front.
- Reference books should always be used on a flat surface as they are usually heavy and any strain will loosen the back. Never, never pile one open book atop another.
- Writing on a piece of paper placed on an open book is *verboten* in any language. Indentations made by this bad habit never disappear.
- Torn pages may be mended at home, but not with transparent tape since the adhesive deteriorates quickly leaving an ugly stain

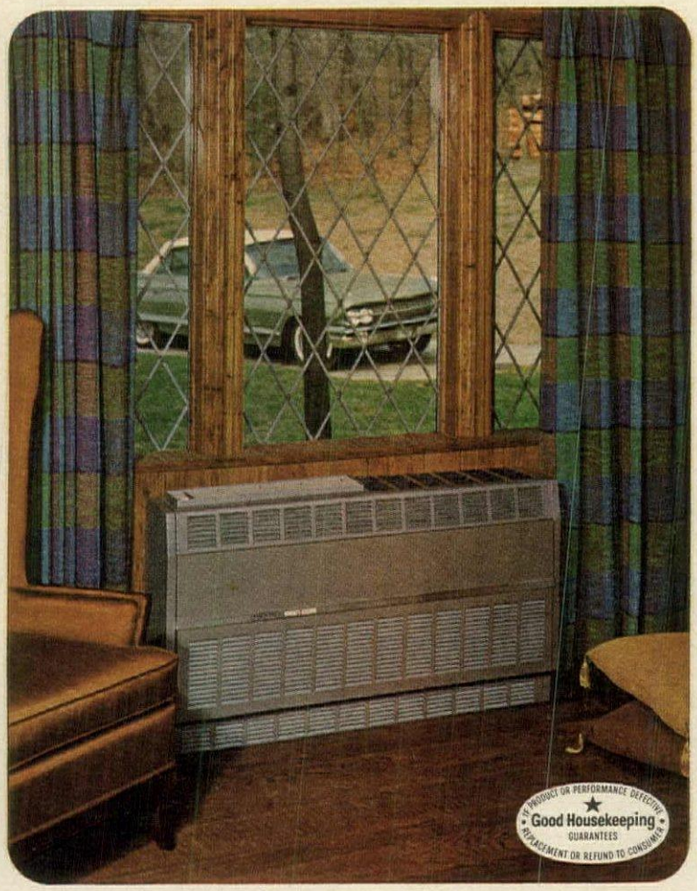
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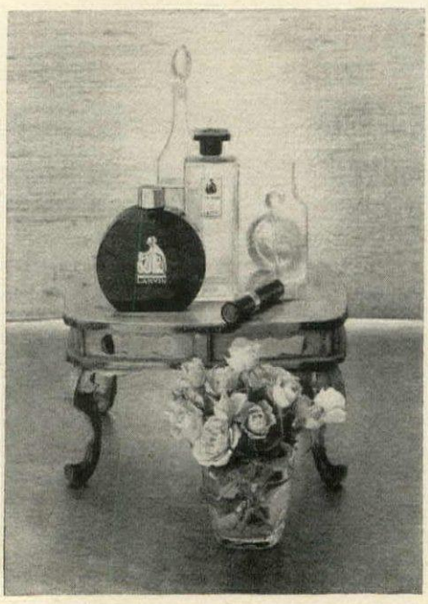
Pretty organizers for bath-dressing rooms

Even the tiniest bathroom can be turned into a luxurious little retreat with some of the many pretty and practical bathroom accessories you can get for lavatory counters and dressing tables. There are decorative space-saving mirrors to hang on the wall or stand on a table. You can get all manner of small trays, mugs and cups to co-ordinate make-up and perfume bottles in one spot so they will be easy to find, do not clutter up a dressing table. Covered bowls and divided dishes make pretty containers for soap or hairpins.



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For a young beauty's first make-up table: little white ceramic tray to hold nail polishes, lipsticks. Stuart Becker. $3.50. Compartmented white ceramic dish for curlers. Azuma. $2.95. Wall mirror framed in natural oak. Wilburt. $9.95. Pink-and-orange patterned mug. Stuart Becker. $1.50. The make-up: Revlon's Love-Pat "Honey Buns" solid make-up in a decal decorated compact, Fabulash lash lengthener, lash base, Blush On, lipsticks, nail enamels, Super Natural hair spray and Natural Wonder Medicated skin lotion.

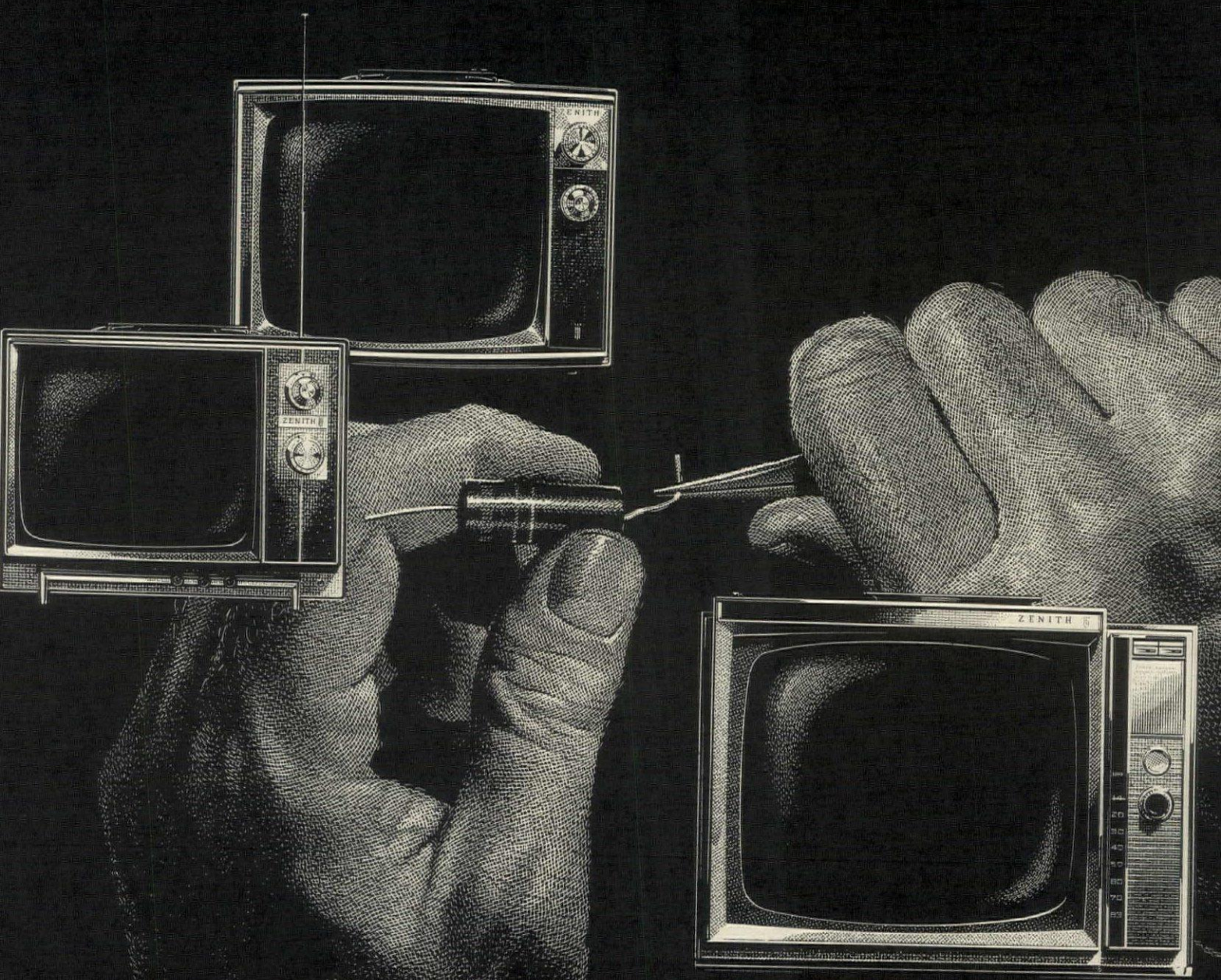


For the assiduous collector of elegant scents: a tiny red-lacquered table-top table from Japan to keep the perfumes herded together in one spot. Altman's. $45. Assorted glass decanters to fill perhaps with perfumes or bath oils; wide-lipped, heavy glass vase for a dressing-table bouquet. $7.50. All from Wilburt. The scents: Lanvin's "My Sin" perfume, eau de Lanvin and perfume mist spray in a little black plastic purse-size *flacon*.

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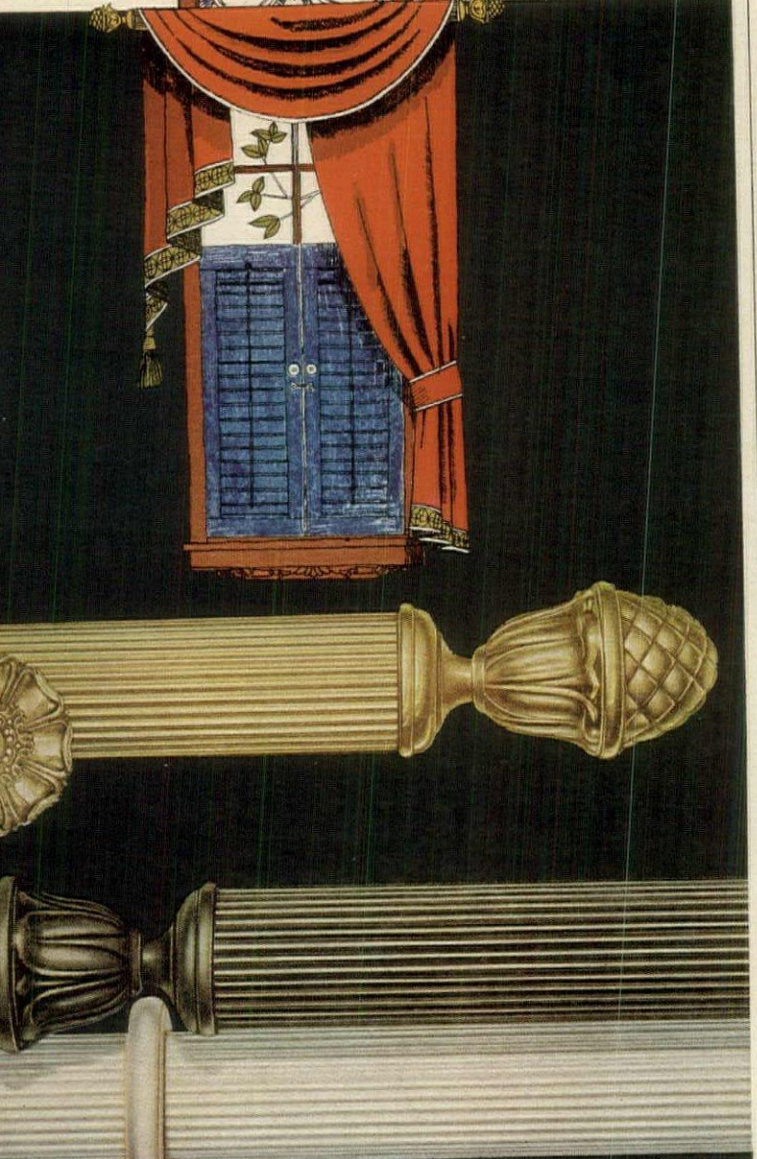
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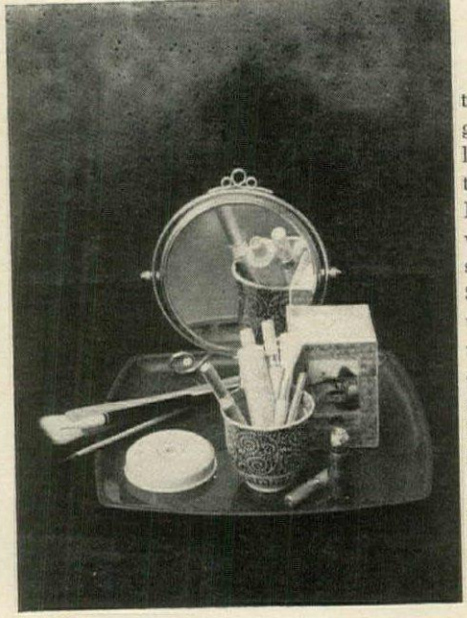
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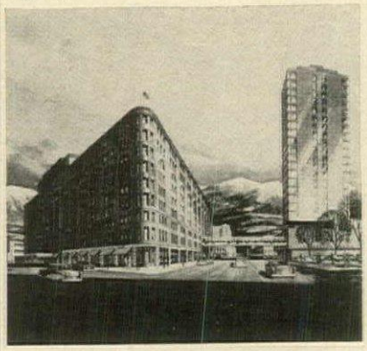
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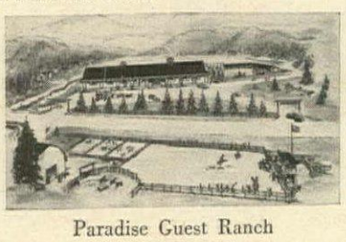
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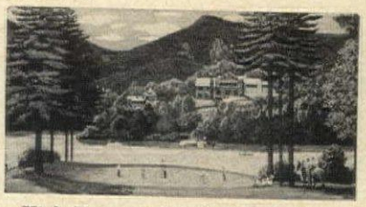
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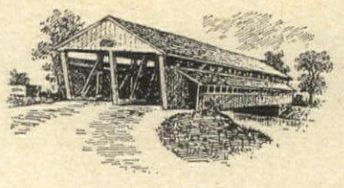
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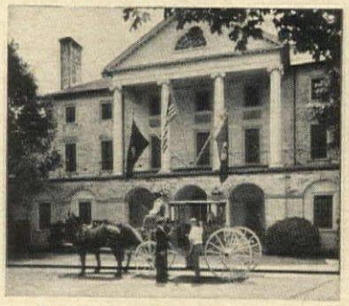
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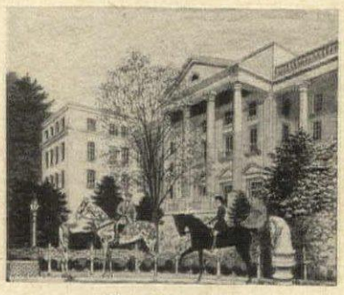


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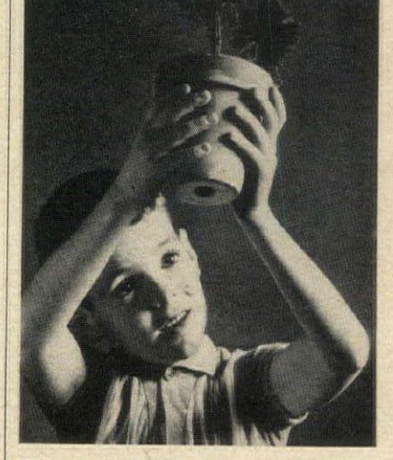
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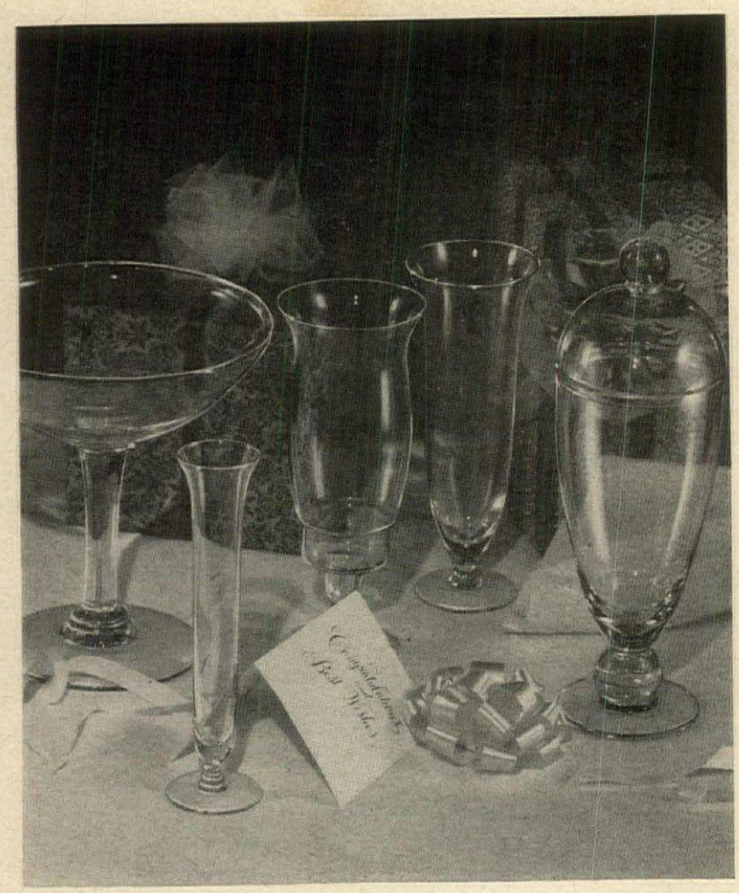
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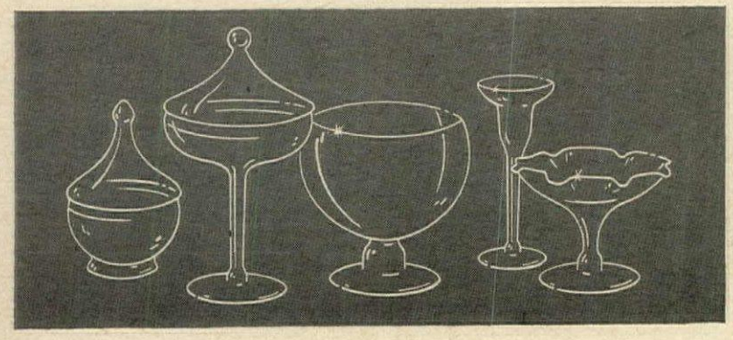
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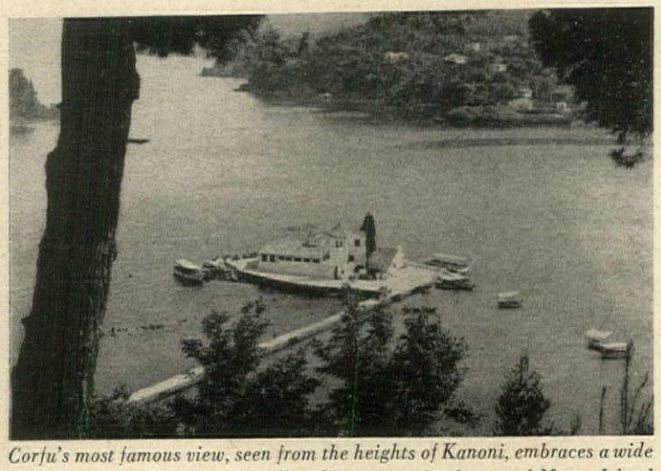
EDITOR'S NOTE: *As the wife of an American journalist, Helena Burke has kept house in many parts of the world, including Greece. Although she and her family now live in the Italian Tirol, she retains a fond feeling for the sunny isle of Corfu.*

"Although I have seen so many lovely places . . . from wherever I return, in the end I say: here is the most beautiful spot on earth," wrote the Empress Elizabeth of Austria from Corfu. The Empress was not exaggerating, for this soft and peaceful island must indeed be one of the most beautiful of the world's many beautiful places. I saw it at what must be surely the best time of year, early autumn, when the heat of summer is tempered, the air is sparklingly clear and the waters of the surrounding sea are still warm enough for sybaritic swimming.

Although it is indubitably Greek, Corfu is unlike any of the other Greek islands I have seen, and has had a different history from most of the rest of Greece. For over a century it was a possession of the Angevins; then, together with its sister Ionian Islands (the six islands that string southward from Corfu), it was ruled by the Venetians during those crucial years when the mainland was under the sterile domination of the Turks. Just as the Turks gave Greece a strong Eastern influence, so the Venetians brought Corfu into the European orbit, and it is this European heritage that has overlaid and softened the special Greek charms of Corfu, leaving even now a kind of Venetian afterglow that is apparent in many ways and places, both in the country and in the town.

Four hundred years of Venetian occupation left a most practical legacy that has influenced the entire physical appearance of Corfu. A bounty was paid to the islanders for every olive tree planted, and olive trees are now the familiar spirits of Corfu. These trees, beautiful beyond any olive trees I have seen in their size and grace, now cover Corfu, and not only invite the rain that is so scarce elsewhere in Greece, but also, with Corfu's many other trees, hold the water in the soil. Corfu is thus a green island, or gray-green in the olive groves, in spring splashed with quantities of wild flowers that grow over every tangled hedge and carpet the fields and woods. (Greece, for its size, has an astounding number of wild flowers, at least 6,000 species, but in few places do they get enough rain to put on the same display as in Corfu.)

The combination of Europe and Greece, so appealing in the lush and gentle landscape, is also evident in the island's capital, the eponymous town of Corfu. Although Italian, German and Allied bombs destroyed a quarter of the town during World War II —sweeping away some of the loveliest old buildings and totally burning Corfu's pride, her ancient library—the remaining three-quarters of the town has the air of a cheerful, distinctive island capital. The heavy hand of the late nineteenth century and the heedless one of the twentieth that have been the undoing of modern Athens are hardly visible in Corfu. In essence the old town is a Vene-



Corfu's most famous view, seen from the heights of Kanoni, embraces a wide sweep of bay and two tiny islands—this, appropriately named Mouse Island

tian town, with some important additions by the English and the French, who ensconced themselves there briefly, after the Venetians. The main streets are lined with low arcades, the alleys so narrow that there is no room for sidewalks. All is life and bustle, grocers' and fruit vendors' stalls lining and brightening the streets, loud voices and chattering groups, and the blare of music from windows in the tall narrow houses where one of Corfu's bands seems to be perpetually practicing.

In the heart of the town is a spacious square, still filled with war-bombed ruins. (Restoration is proceeding slowly, for Corfu is poor. A municipal theatre is only now being built to take the place of the one destroyed over twenty years ago.) Here stands the Town Hall, almost uniquely unharmed. Although the exterior is not distinguished, it is well worth visiting to see the finely proportioned interior. The building was built first as a Venetian noblemen's club in 1693, became a theatre in the eighteenth century and the Town Hall in the early Nineteen Hundreds. The former stage is now the reception room, with polished floors, antique furniture and walls hung with portraits of Corfiote notables. Opposite, across the square, are the remains of the Law Courts, still handsome even in desolation, and the ruins of the big Roman Catholic church—the island's tiny Roman Catholic minority must now worship in the unbeautiful church of St. Francis.

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For the Orthodox majority, the Italianate church of St. Spyridon is the chief church not only in the town, but on the island. A few paces from this church you can walk into a totally different world, the sedate world of nineteenth-century England. Edging the old town on the east side, the seaward side, is a vast tree-circled square, the Esplanade. An Englishman, Sir George Whitmore, planned it and razed hilly ground to make a sweeping perspective down to the building he was engaged in constructing, which was to be the British Governor's Palace. Sir George, a colonel of the Royal Engineers, was a man of parts who not only designed the palace, but spent the best part of four years in detailed supervision of its construction. The palace, finally opened on St. George's Day, 1823, provides Corfu with as noble a neoclassical building as you will find in Greece.

When the palace was finished, it also became the seat of the Ionian Senate that governed the islands under the British. In 1863 the Ionian Parliament called for union with Greece, and on May 21, 1864, the British voluntarily handed Corfu and the other Ionian Islands back to the mother country, an achievement for which Gladstone gets most of the credit. The palace then became the local seat of the Greek monarchy and as such it is still largely closed to the public. However, the visitor can not only admire its fine exterior of golden Maltese limestone, but can go inside to see the nobly proportioned entrance hall and sweeping staircase, and the few rooms upstairs that constitute Corfu's museum. The museum has some fine icons, including those of the distinctive Ionian school, and fragments, great and small, of the antiquities that have been dug from the soil of Corfu so far.

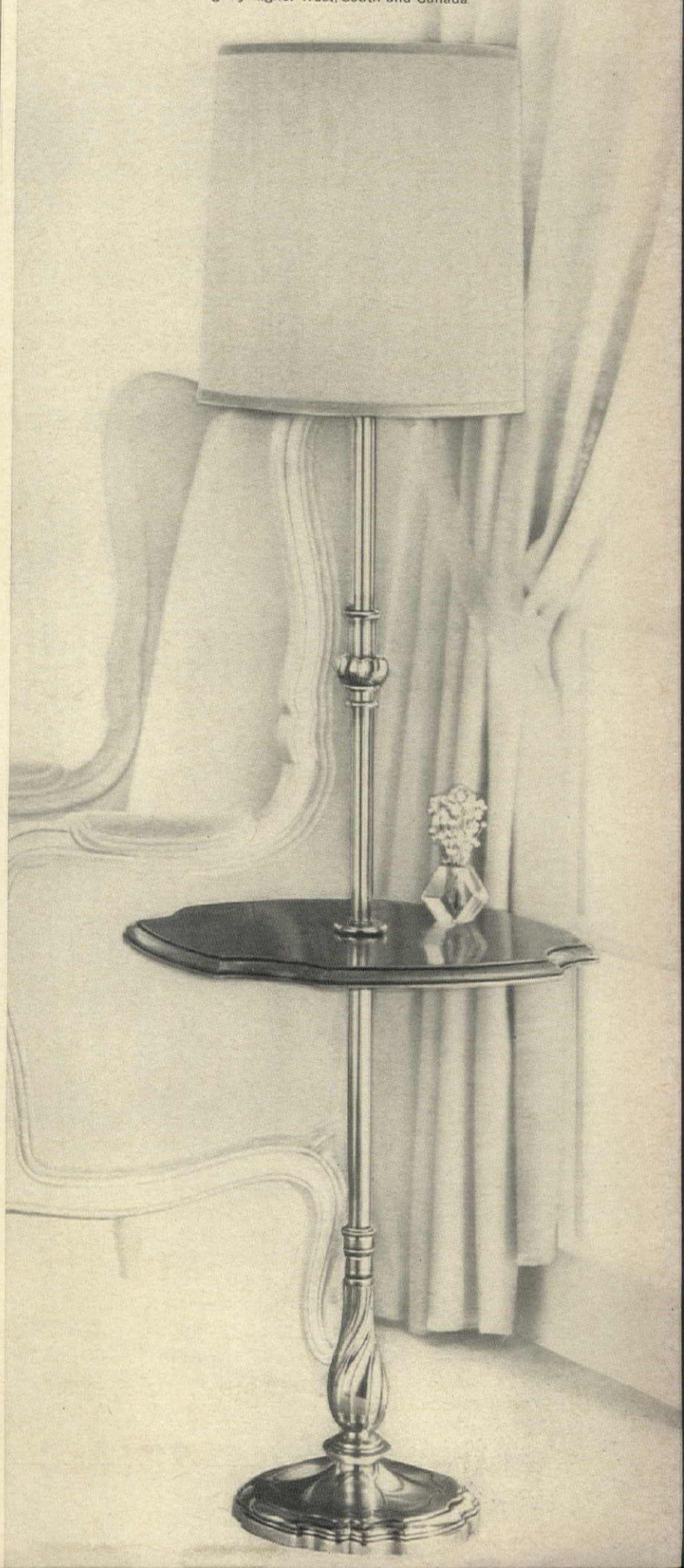
Outside the palace the big Esplanade—rather seedy now and in need of replanting and general care—leads to still another foreign element in Corfu, this time a little legacy of France. On one side of the Esplanade runs a tall colonnaded building with café and restaurant tables set under the arches. Look up from your table and you will find something rather familiar about the delicate vaulting above you. This is in fact a replica of the Rue de Rivoli in Paris, hung with the same graceful lamps. Here you can sit and sample a drink unique to Corfu, *tzitzibira*. It tastes a little like English ginger beer, of which it is a descendant, another faint link with long-dead Imperial rule.

Leave the Esplanade by the road to the harbor that passes through the outer colonnade of the palace and you will find a couple of noteworthy old town houses. One, of the Venetian era and now a club, has an outside staircase leading to an arcaded gallery on the first floor, the other was built under the British and has the good proportions of the early nineteenth century and delicate ironwork balconies painted white in contrast to the green shutters. Beyond these houses a ramp leads down to a nameless little seaside café, where the more adventurous can eat (if ordered in advance) a true Corfiote dish, *bourtheto*, fish stewed with a great deal of cayenne pepper. From this little *taverna* you can look up to a fine view of the town, and particularly of the so-called Old Fort, the twin-peaked hill projecting into the sea that is the signpost of Corfu town. One peak is now a modern military fort, the other peak is neglected and grass grown. In the Middle Ages all the town lay in the narrow saddle between the two peaks, and the name Corfu is said to be derived from the Greek word

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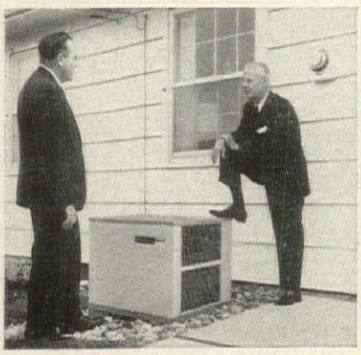
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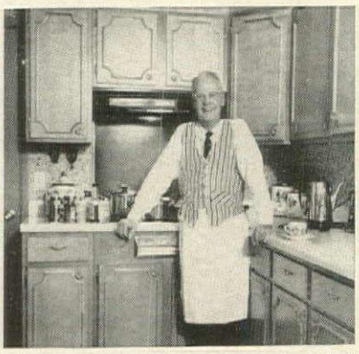
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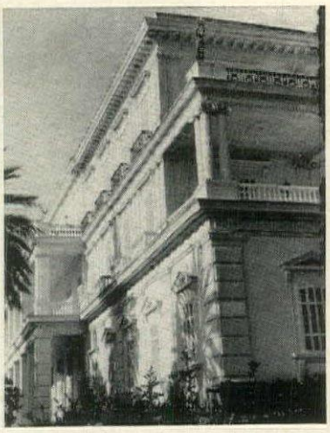
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for peak (although, just to confuse the foreigner, the Greeks themselves call their island by the ancient name it had when it was a colony of Corinth: Kérkyra).

Corfu has another fortress, called the New Fort, built by the Venetians. This great grim gray structure dominating the fishing harbor repays a climb to the topmost keep for a bird's-eye view of town and harbor, but I find it an uncomfortable place, haunted in some way by its military occupiers of the past.



Relic of a royal past: neoclassic Achilleion Palace of Elizabeth of Austria

Below, and beyond the fishing harbor, the big boats that bring most visitors to Corfu anchor (there is also an airport to the south of the town). From this harbor the main road to the north begins. The road passes by the small suburb of Mandouki—Corfu's only factory area—and at the monastery of Platytera, where the first governor of a free Greece, the Corfiote John Capodistrias, lies buried, it turns to start its indirect course northward. (The narrow winding country roads of Corfu are a trap for the motorist: horse carts, wandering pedestrians, women with their heads rigid under heavy loads and country buses crashing heedlessly along make each bend a hazard.) The road runs near the sea, past marshy flatlands that make this stretch of the coast a poor one for swimming, with here and there great hedges of cactus, the prickly pear thick with fruit. Suddenly a dark line of cypresses emerges, leading to some hidden country house; then at a road junction there will be a group of the typical country cottages of Corfu. Unlike the whitewashed cubes found in the Cycladic islands, these houses are usually two-story, with tiled, pitched roofs and the distinctive feature of Corfu's country architecture: a tiled porch supported on rough pillars and running the length of the house.

After a few kilometers, a fork in the road leads westward across the island's central plain to Paleokastritsa on the western coast, many people's favorite place in all Corfu, where green-blue water curls into a series of bays delineated by high rocky headlands. There are two hotels here, one built by the government, the other privately run; both are famous for their delicious lobster, served grilled or boiled—a rare treat in Greece—and accompanied by a good local white wine, Paleo. The swimming is glorious here, and you can hire a boat to explore the other bays and the cave where the lobsters are kept until they are wanted. You can even choose your lobster and eat it after a swim.

Crowning the hill above the bay, on a promontory facing westward into the Ionian, is the old monastery of Paleokastritsa, a restful spot with lovely views over the sea. The coastline south of Paleokastritsa (this name is a mouthful for the foreigner; it helps to know that the accent is on the i) is blessed with beautiful beaches, many of them still far from any road. Gliphada Beach, a huge crescent of dull gold against pale blue water, can be reached by car, but after the village of Pelekas, the track is so horrible that it is better to go on foot. Around Gliphada, as around the much more accessible Paleokastritsa, modern villas are already springing up. People from all over Europe are following the fashion of buying land in the sun by the sea, and as a consequence, land prices have risen to absurd heights. Money is coming in briskly to a lucky few landholders in Corfu, but for most of the inhabitants there is very little prosperity and life is still a poor and wretched business. It seems paradoxical that the rich-looking earth of Corfu cannot support its small population well, but for a number of reasons, including too much dependence on the olive, this is so. Fishing, which brings at least a subsistence living to other Greek islands, is not important here. The casual visitor can easily overlook this poverty: Nature is abundant and the well-built villages give no hint of squalor. It was only when I was invited into a house in the village of Spartila that it was made clear to me in what manner many country people must live.

Island crafts

Spartila lies on the slopes of the great northern mountain Pantokrator, and its cluster of russet roofs can be seen from afar. The good new road to it winds up in hairpin bends through olive

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groves, and from the village there is a magnificent view over much of central and southern Corfu. (To get to Spartila, and indeed anywhere in Corfu north of certain police check points, you must have a pass. Albania is so close that you can, during quiet moments, hear the barking of dogs across the narrow straits.)

In Spartila I visited the home of a man famous as a wood carver. He and his family live in a two-story house so full of gaps in roof, walls and floors that I hate to think of the January winds on that mountainside blowing through. Downstairs was a blackened kitchen, and up some rickety stairs, the living room and single bedroom. A table, a bench, a chest and a bed seemed to be the only furniture. As the wood carver brought out some of his work, the living room filled with villagers anxious to see the foreign visitors and perhaps sell some of their own handwork. The women, dressed in the traditional costume of Corfu as so many country women still are, wore pleated white blouses with voluminous sleeves and over these velvet boleros. Each had on her head a white cloth intricately folded over a cushion headdress. They showed me the bright pink and green and red bands they weave to wear as belts over their long gathered skirts.

Villagers and visitors alike admired the wood carver's work, particularly a distaff delicately carved out of wild olive wood, and then someone begged him to play the violin which hung on the wall —the only thing of value in the house. He began to play without any false hesitation, first some slow Greek dances and then a much gayer lilting tune, the "*Froulana*," another relic of Venetian days. Soon food and drink were passed around, for in Greece the visitor must be offered refreshment however poor the household.

By contrast, I was also invited into a richer village home in Riglades, that of a farmer, far down Corfu in the southernmost peninsula of Lefkimi. The farmer's wife was a cheerful woman, her husband was hefty and ruddy. They could set their table with all their own produce: cheese from their own sheep (*feta*, the Greek national cheese, is excellent in Corfu), bread from their own grain to dip into oil from their own olives and wine from their grapes. (Corfu wines are varied, some good and some very mediocre. This home-pressed wine, although rather sweet, was as good as any I had on the island.)

The ground floor of the house was largely a storage place for great barrels of wine and vats of oil. (Corfu oil is very good. The Corfiotes do not beat the branches of the trees at harvest time, but collect only the ripe fallen olives. This means a smaller crop but, they claim, a much better one.)

Next to the oil vats stood a large loom on which the elder daughter was weaving a rug, following a pattern of stylized ships on a blue, red and white background given to her by Their Majesties Fund, the organization under which she had trained as a weaver. This Fund, sponsored by the Greek Royal family, has revived local crafts and cottage industry throughout Greece, and arranges for the sale of the finished handwork. Handcrafts were in decline in Corfu after the war, and the traditional handwork of Corfu, lacemaking and the embroidering of gold thread on velvet, are arts that have died out and not been revived.

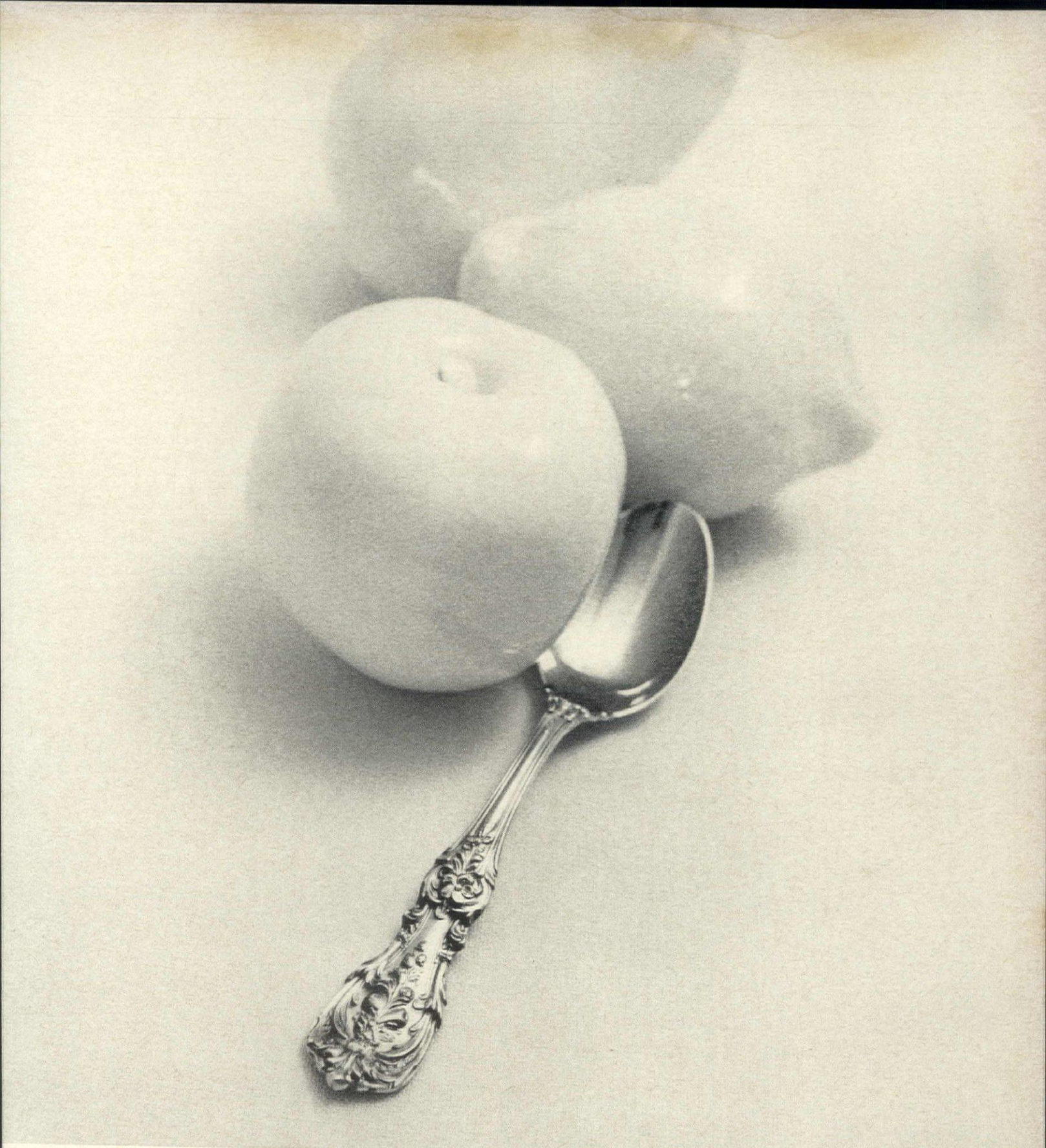


Legacy of France: a colonnaded arcade modeled after the Rue de Rivoli

When a girl graduates from the tutelage of the Fund, she is given wool and a pattern to weave a rug for herself, or rather for that all-important dowry without which no Greek girl can hope to marry. The daughter of the farmer in Riglades had made herself a rug so huge that she was anxious to sell it, for she had no hope of ever living in a house big enough for it! More beautiful as well as more useful than the rug were some of the hand-woven things unfolded for me to see from the dowry chest in the upstairs bedroom. One after another, the contents of the chest were flung out onto the bed: There were summer blankets of wool and cotton in white and off-white, hand-embroidered linen towels, bedcovers and table napkins in intricate patterns made from locally grown linen or from wool from the family's sheep, treated and spun by mother and daughter.

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where finished handwork is for sale. When I visited the shop, Miss Aliki Voulgari, who runs it, showed me a rug that was an exact replica of the one I had seen unfinished on the loom in Riglades. There were other things from all over Greece, such as the famous fleecy rugs, woven skirts and delicate embroidered linens from Corfu's sister islands, Ithaca and Levkás. A few doors away, at 110 Capodistria Street, an English couple, Mr. and Mrs. Handley, have opened a small shop called The Royal Palace Boutique as another showcase of Greek products, with the emphasis on jewelry and pottery. They have some striking handmade gold necklaces that hark back to ancient Greek designs. Their pottery is the result of collaboration with local potters who are chiefly occupied with making water pots and oil jars (the modern amphorae), but are glad to try their hands at something new. I particularly liked a wine jug with matching cups in the shape of the tin wine cups found in all Greek taverns, and some decorative white faïence tiles with Byzantine bird and fruit motifs in blue and black.

Venetian faïence and Venetian and English antiques of all kinds can be found in various shops around the town, with the widest choice at Macris, 34 Georgiou I Street, again near the Royal Palace, at the end of the "Rue de Rivoli." In the old town, I found in the shop of carpenter Haralambos Nisiotis, 14 Philhellinon Street, some magnificent carved wooden panels, taken from old dowry chests, that were for sale at a very steep price. I saw panels like these, carved with birds and cypress trees, on the walls of a sitting room in what must be Corfu's loveliest hotel, the Castello Mimbelli at Dassia, until recently a private house rebuilt around an old castle. It stands on high ground overlooking the sea, surrounded by a lush garden. Inside, a wide staircase leads up under a coffered ceiling to rooms and halls lined with antique furniture and relics of the chase (the former owner, an Italian married to a Greek, was a great huntsman and organizer of hunts) that give you a glimpse of what the island's stately homes once were like.

Famous villas

A fair number of these fine old houses are still in private hands, and occasionally one of them is for rent. I was taken to see one by Miss Marie Aspioti, a member of an old Corfu family and an expert on many facets of life there, past and present. This house, its handsome late Georgian façade overlooking a well-kept graveled driveway, is described as the Daffodil-Yellow Villa by Gerald Durrell in his charming book about pre-war Corfu, "My Family and Other Animals." When he lived there, it was not only yellow, but, according to him, in a state of melancholy decay. Now it is painted in coolest colors inside and out, is impeccably cared for, and with its backdrop of ordered olive groves, their gray trunks lightened by the gentle pink of clumps of amaryllis, it exudes an atmosphere of prosperous restraint. Another Durrell house stands on a bay to the northeast of the island. Here Lawrence Durrell lived just before the war and wrote "Prospero's Cell," which he calls "A Guide to the Landscape and Manners of the Island of Corcyra." Although Corfu has changed since then, these books make delightful reading and are a good briefing on what to expect in Corfu.

My favorite house on the island stands near the water's edge, hidden, lost in the thick woods. Once it was an old fort guarding the eastern coast. The ancestors of the present owners, fleeing from the Turks in Constantinople, came to Corfu and converted the fort into a house. Low, gray and solid, overshadowed by giant poplars, it functions as a real country house, the center of work as well as of rest. Between the untidy outbuildings and private chapel and the house itself is an old courtyard where I sat admiring the chance color scheme of the peppers that had been hung on the walls to dry, their bright gold contrasting with the pale mauve of wisteria and the paler blue of plumbago. Vaulted storerooms, their dark corners stacked with the implements of farming life and with stored foods and wine, make up the ground floor of the house, while the living quarters occupy the single upper floor. A flight of steps lined with plants leads up from the courtyard, through a glassed-in veranda to a magnificent drawing room with floors of wide oak boards, Venetian and English antique furniture, dim mirrors and ancestral portraits. Everything gleams from years of polish and care; throughout the entire house there is an air of repose grounded in history.

Perhaps the most curious building on the island is a large white villa that stands on the heights above the village of Gastourion, southwest of Corfu town. Emperor Franz Joseph's wife, the Empress Elizabeth, beautiful but unstable, decided that Corfu alone could offer some peace and solace in her unhappy life, a life of con-

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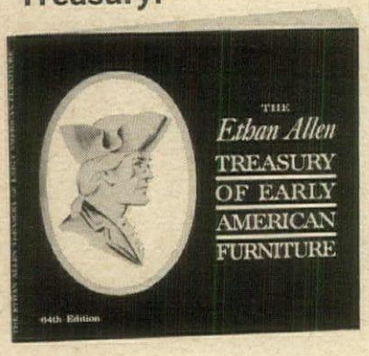
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stant wandering after her son's death at Mayerling. She commissioned an Italian architect to design her a villa on a site with magnificent views of deep green mountains and deep blue sea, and with the neoclassical mania of the period she dedicated it to her hero Achilles, and named it the Achilleion after him. The style is neo-Greek, neo-Roman, neo-Pompeian, and the formal gardens are full of neoclassical statuary. When Elizabeth tired of Corfu and abandoned the Achilleion, it stood empty for several years. In 1905 Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany, making a Mediterranean journey, was shown Corfu by the King of Greece and after seeing the Achilleion wrote at once to Franz Joseph asking to buy it. The Austrian Emperor was glad to be rid of what was simply a burden to him—he had never visited the house and it was a reminder of his wife who had since met her tragic death through the random shot of a madman. "The house had been on the market for a long time" wrote Wilhelm, "but no one had applied for it except . . . a company that wished to turn it into a hotel, with a gambling hall included; the King of Greece has forbidden this once and for all."

Negotiating through an obstructive chain of court officials and ambassadors, the two Emperors at last reached an agreement in 1907 and Wilhelm took over the Achilleion. He refurnished the interior, as he says "in the manner of the Roman Imperial period, yet in the simple style of a summer house," and to the existing statuary in the garden he added a gigantic likeness of Achilles as a warrior, quite outshadowing the marble statue of the dying Achilles that Elizabeth had installed. On the base of the statue he had written: "To the greatest of the Greeks, from the greatest of the Germans" (an inscription since removed), and then he invited the people of Gastourion and other neighboring villages to the unveiling. The Corfiotes were confused by the enormous statue, not being able to read the name or dedication underneath, and concluded that because of its size, it must represent a saint. Knowing that Wilhelm was a Protestant, they speculated on who this Protestant saint could be, and finally decided on Luther. This upset Wilhelm a good deal, until he was able to convince himself that Luther and Achilles had a lot in common.

Wilhelm had to leave the Achilleion with the coming of the First World War. Now despite the late King of Greece's interdict on gambling, it has been bought by a German company and is indeed a casino. One room has been put aside as a museum and houses rather sad mementos of the Austrian Empress and German Emperor, her portraits, his stool in the shape of a saddle, his book of memoirs open on his desk.

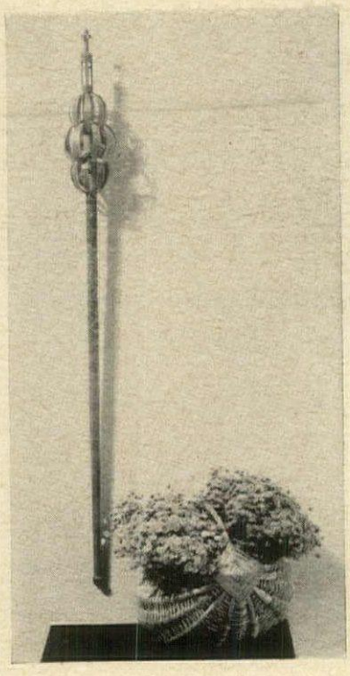
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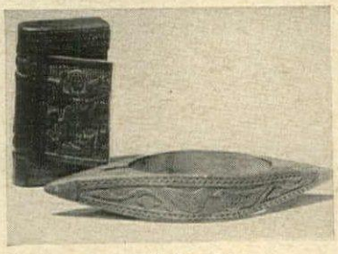
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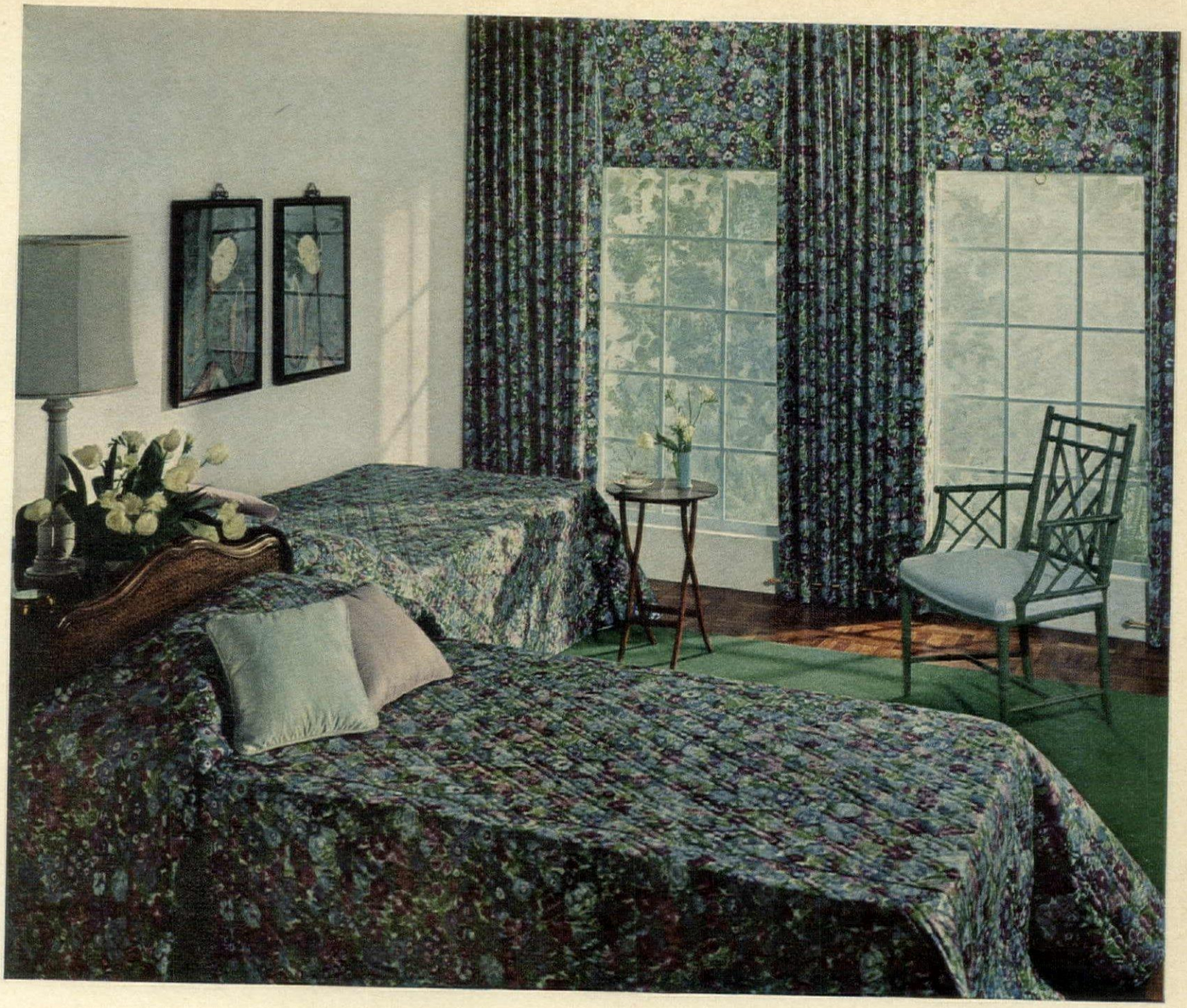
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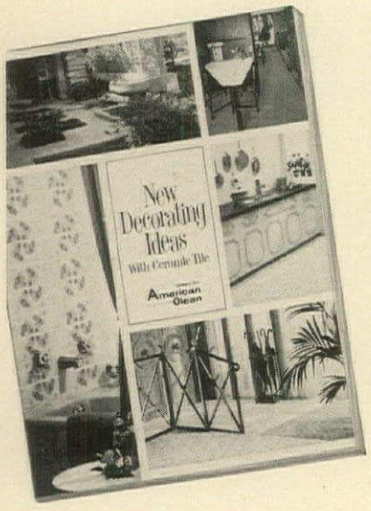
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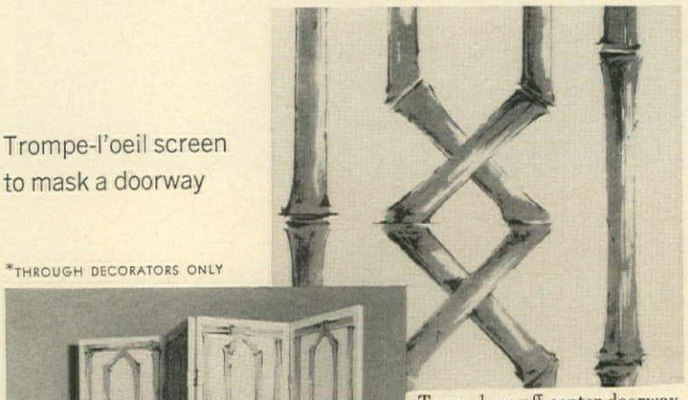
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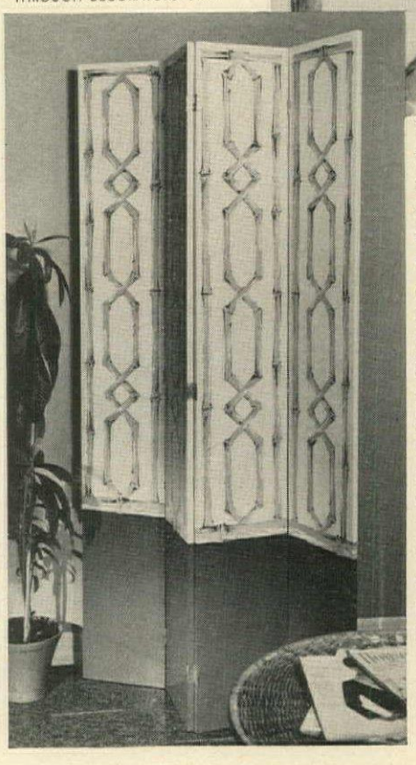
Create your own fancies for a folding screen

A beautiful folding screen is a wonder-worker in many ways. You can use it to mask a poorly placed door or window, to make a little alcove for a bed or a desk, to camouflage a pullman kitchen or, of course, simply to enjoy for the pleasure of its lively, decorated panels. Buying a handsome antique screen today can be expensive, but with very little effort and few dollars you can create a remarkable simulation of one yourself. The basic investment is a ready-made, unfinished screen of three or four panels of fiberboard and wood, joined with two-way brass hinges. The four-panel screens (as a rule more useful since they are more stable and stretch across a wider area) come in six different heights and panel widths, at two prices—$35 and $40. The three-panel screens cost a little less. All you do is give the entire screen a coat of white shellac and sand it all over lightly, then add whatever decoration you please—with paints or a covering of wallpaper or, perhaps, cork—either finishing both sides to match or painting one side and papering the other. It is usually best to break up your decoration, however, with a contrasting border around the bottom so the screen does not look too toweringly out of proportion. For additional information and to order, write to: Unfinished Furniture Creations, 6110 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind., 46220.

Trompe-l'oeil screen to mask a doorway

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To mask an off-center doorway, you might create a light and airy effect by covering a screen of panels 80 inches tall by 12 inches wide with bamboo-patterned wallpaper. First, measure 22 inches up from the bottom of the screen and draw a dividing line across each panel. Paint upper portions glossy off-white to match wallpaper background, and paint lower portions H&G's Mushroom to pick up one of the bamboo tones. Cut out panels of the bamboo paper to cover the upper parts of the screen and apply with a colorless cellulose wallpaper paste called Modocule. Finish off the dividing line between the paper and paint with a cut-out strip of bamboo as a border. Philip Graf Wallpapers.*

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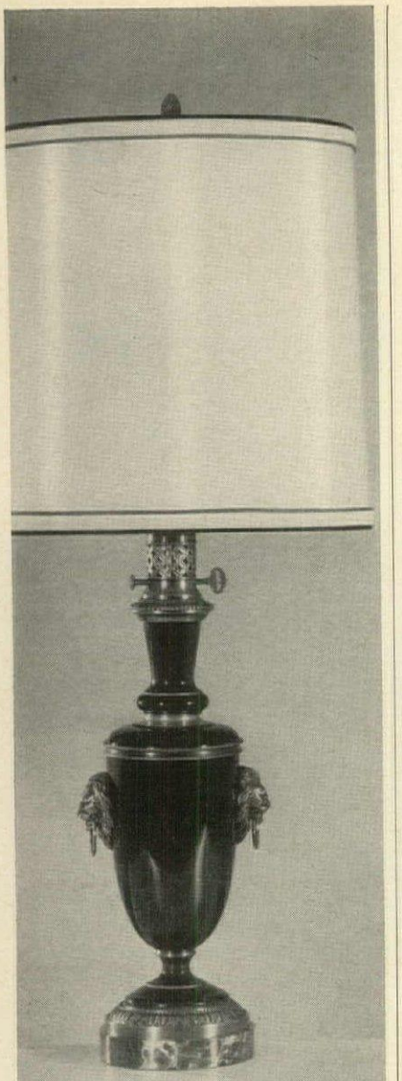
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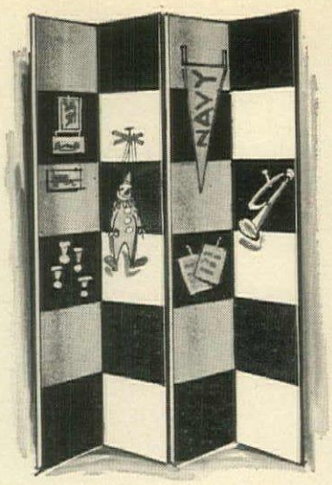
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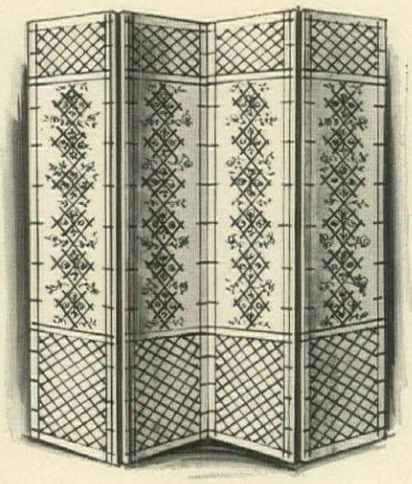
A pin-up checkerboard for a young boy's room

You might finish a screen to double as a handy bulletin board by facing the panels with cork squares. The squares come in sixteen pretty colors, and you attach them easily with linoleum paste. For a screen such as this one of panels 80 inches tall by 12 inches wide, you need twenty-four 12-inch squares by Gotham Materials.



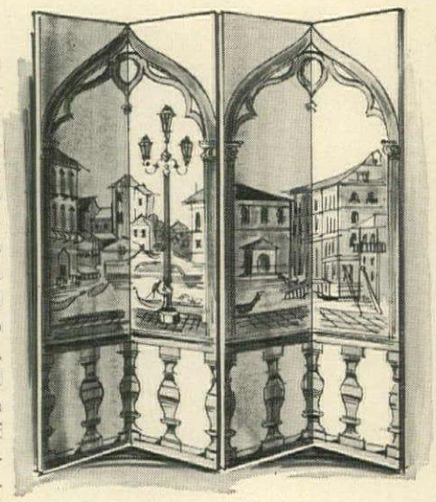
Trellises of roses for a young girl's bedroom

For a fresh, flowery screen for a bedroom, you might mix two wallpaper patterns—a plain trellis and a rose-hung trellis—on a screen of panels 68 inches tall by 17 inches wide. First, paint all edges of the screen white or cover them with white ¾-inch self-adhesive tape. Mark off the screen into three sections—an 8-inch-deep section at the top, an 18-inch section at the bottom, leaving a 42-inch space in the center. Apply the plain trellis to the top and bottom sections, the patterned trellis to center. Wallpaper by Schumacher.*



Mural screen to mark off a little foyer

In a one-room apartment, you might create an entrance foyer with a screen and cover the panels with a Venetian mural. For a screen of four panels 72 inches tall by 18 inches wide, you could use four complete scenes to cover both sides of screen. First, paint screen edges and a 1-inch border all around in neutral gray to match color of houses in mural. Cut the four scenes in half and apply to the upper part of each screen panel. For lower part of each panel, use the 12-inch-deep balustrade dado. Wallpapers, James Seeman Studios.*



A block design to screen a kitchen

To make a handsome room-divider screen, such as this one of panels 68 inches tall by 17 inches wide, you might use a Colonial wallpaper plus a lower border of paint. First, measure 18 inches up from bottom of screen and paint that section. Apply wallpaper to upper part of each screen panel, placing strips so that the motifs alternate within rows. Finish off dividing line between paper and paint with an extra piece of leaf border. Stencil wallpaper by F. Schumacher & Co.*



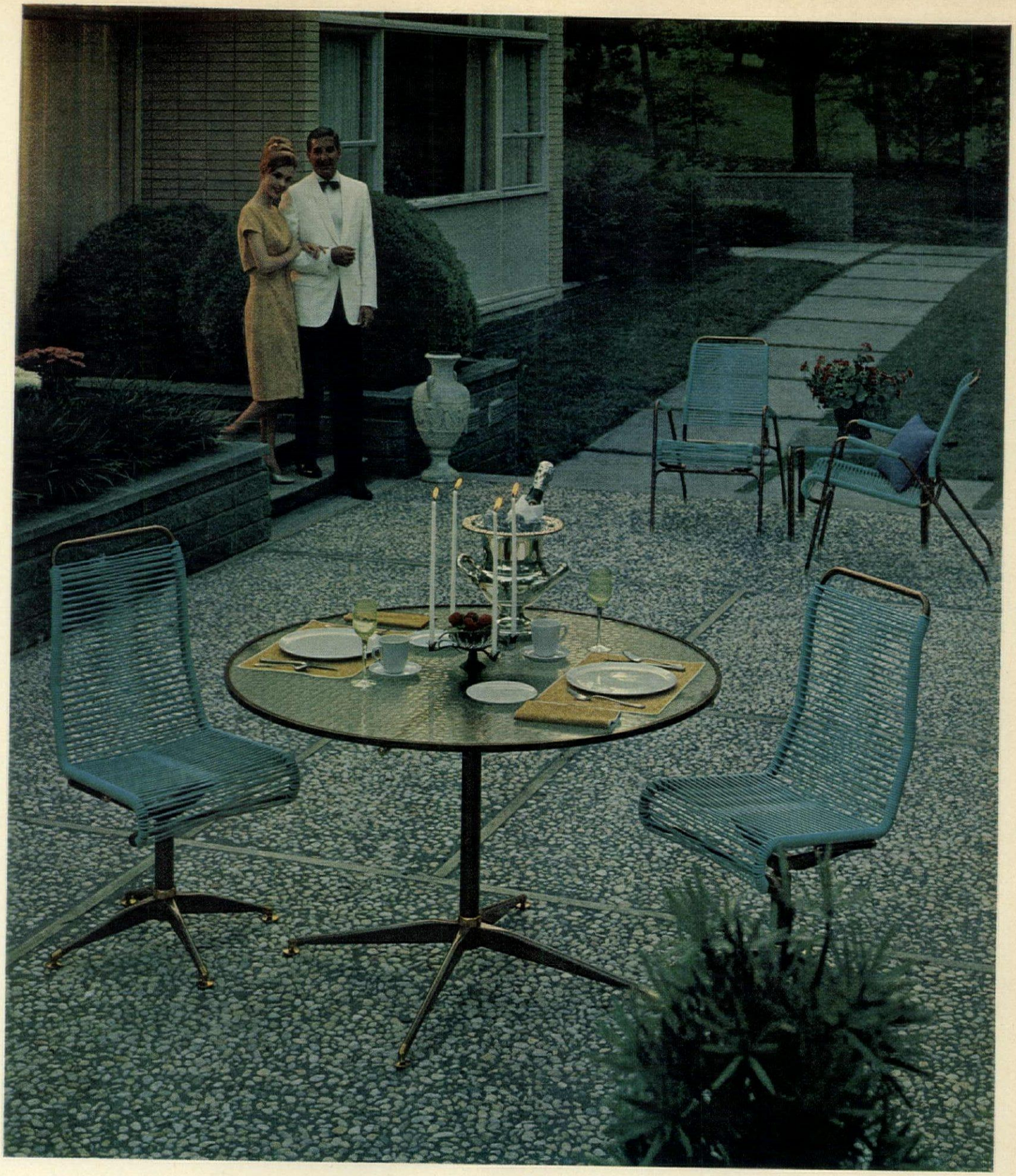
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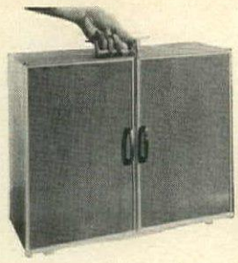
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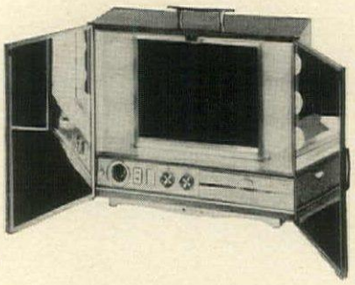
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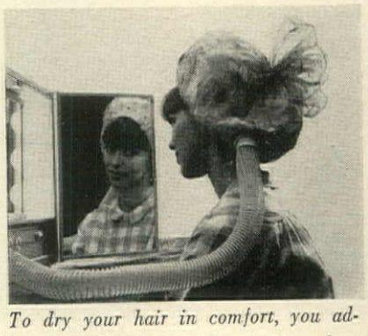


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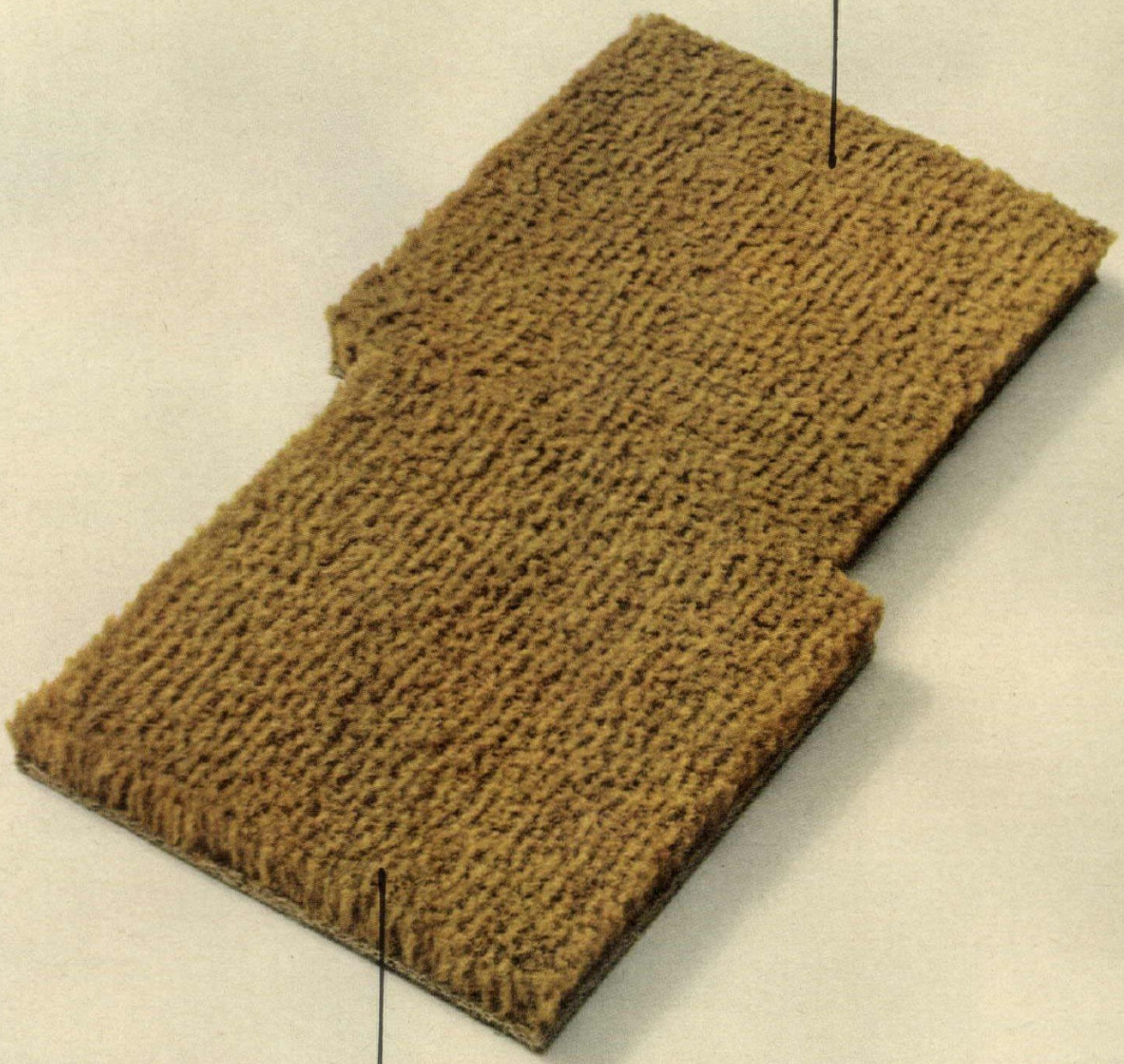


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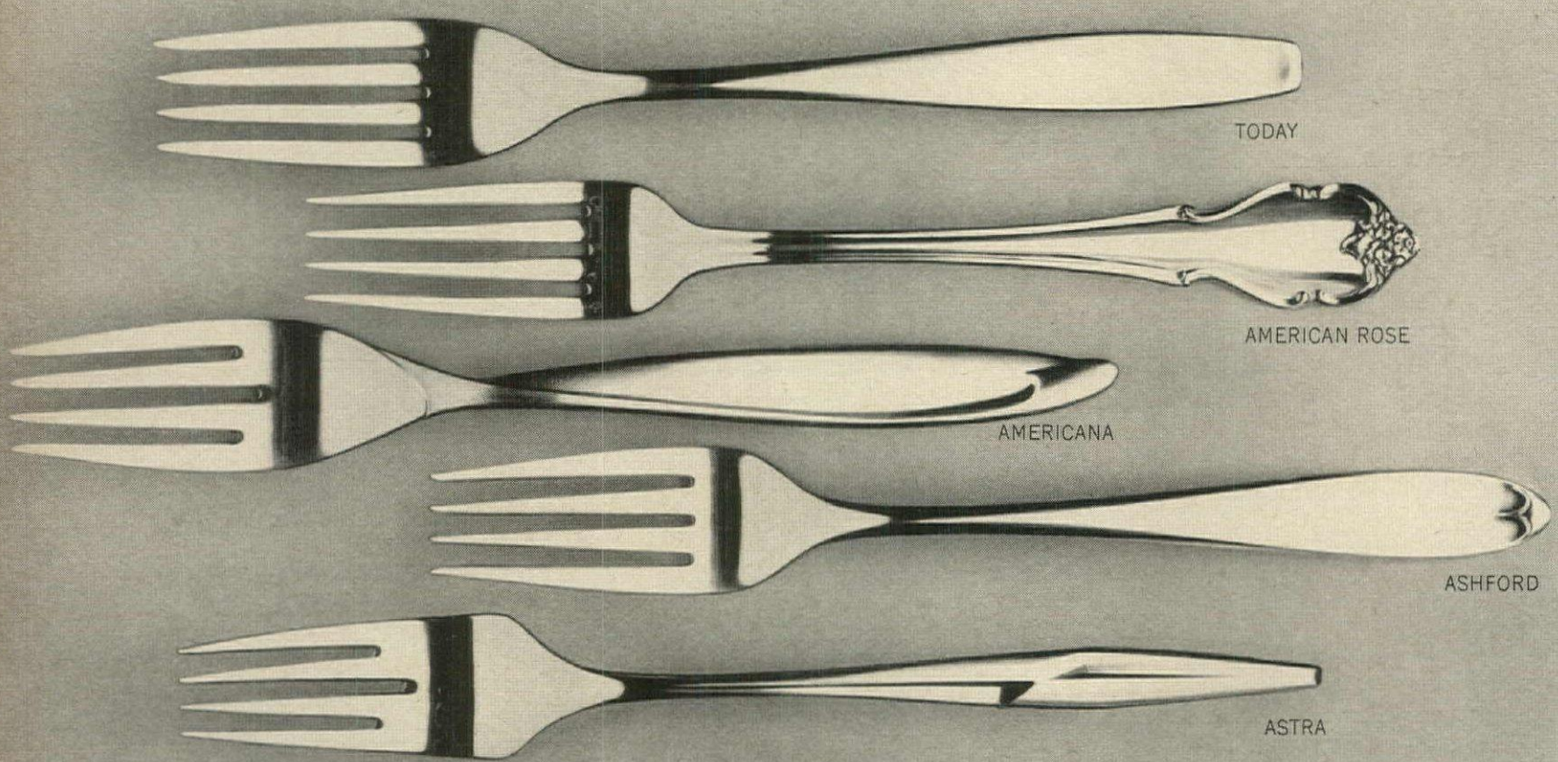
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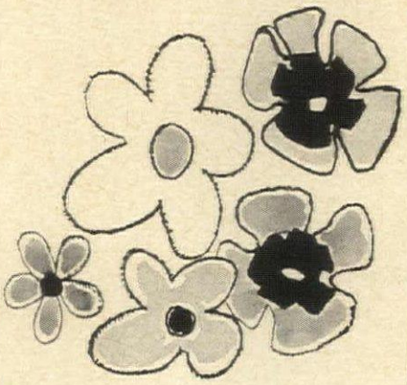
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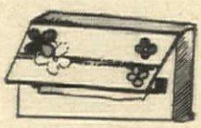
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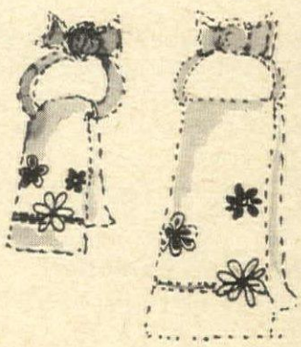
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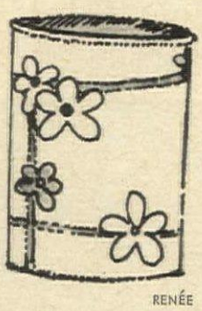


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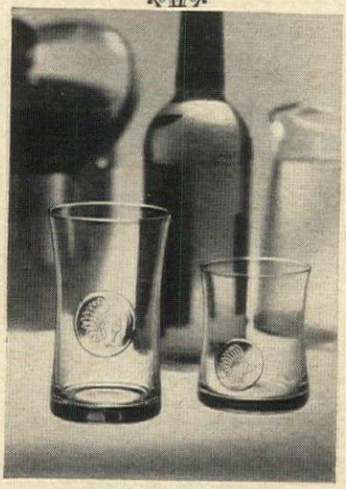
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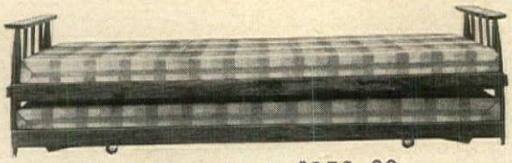
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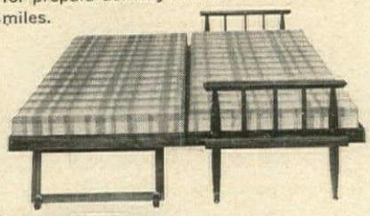


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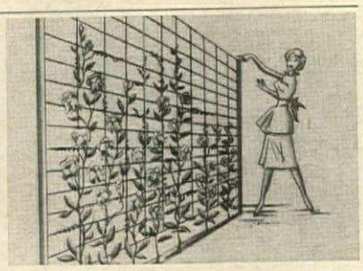
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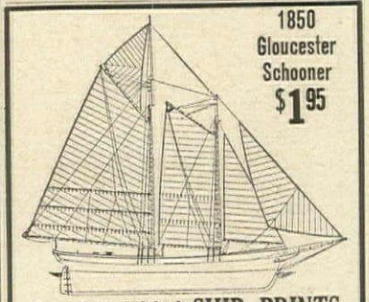


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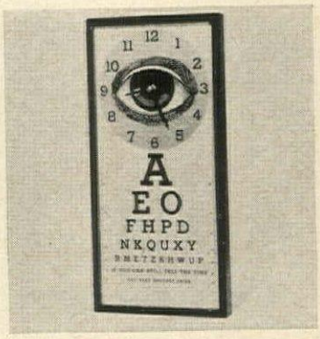
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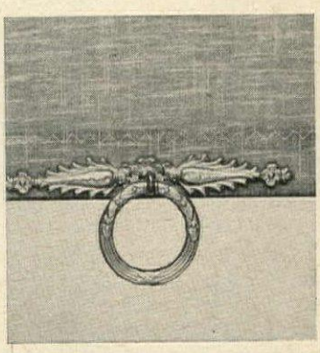
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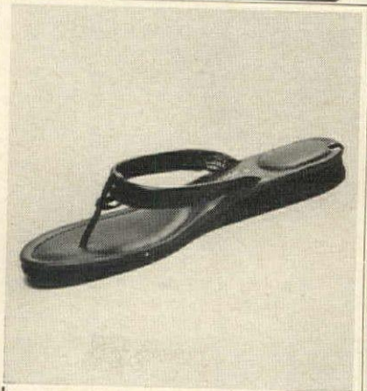
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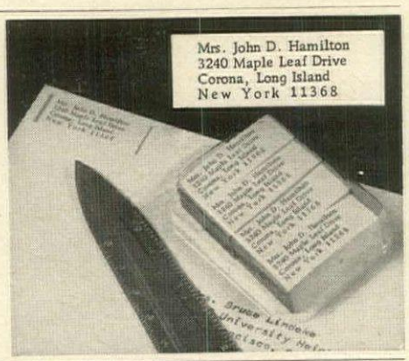
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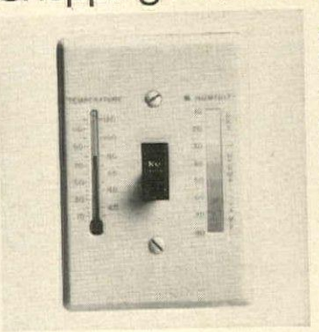


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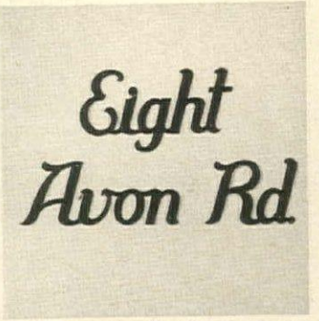
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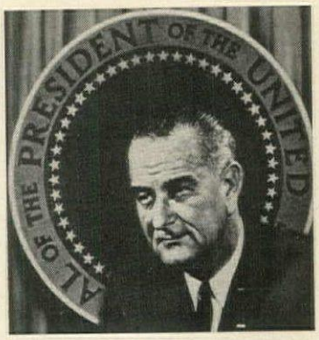
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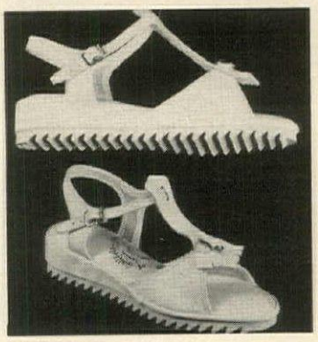
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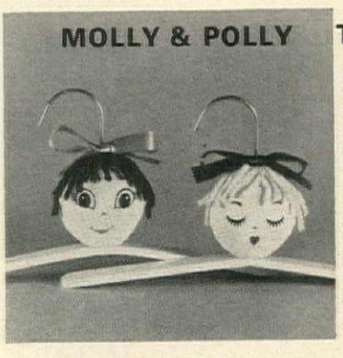
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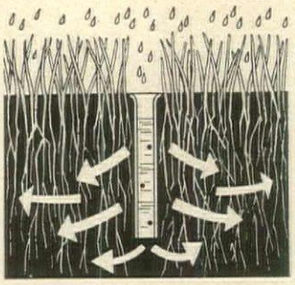
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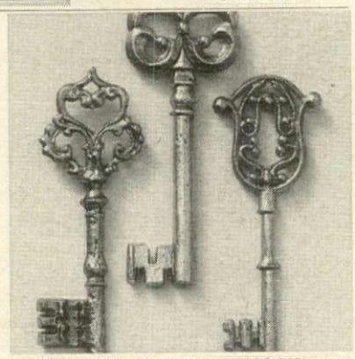
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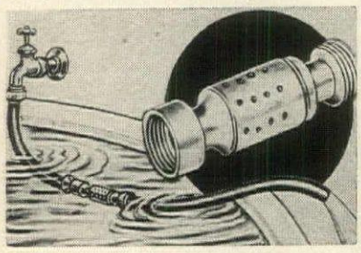
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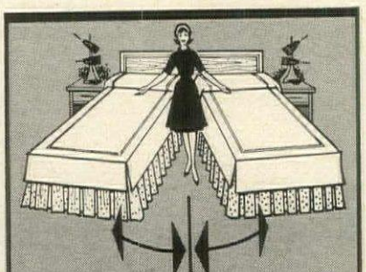


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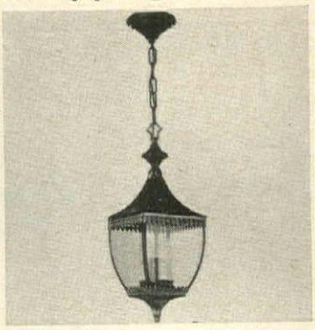
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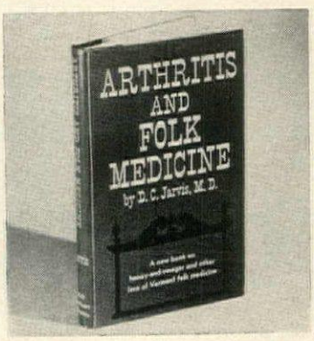
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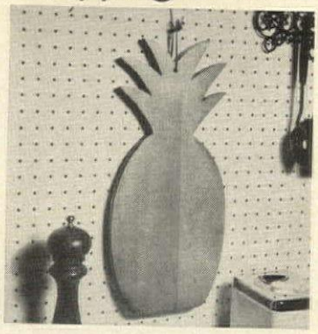
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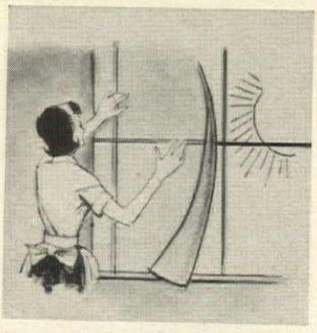
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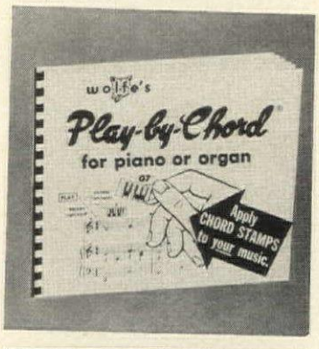


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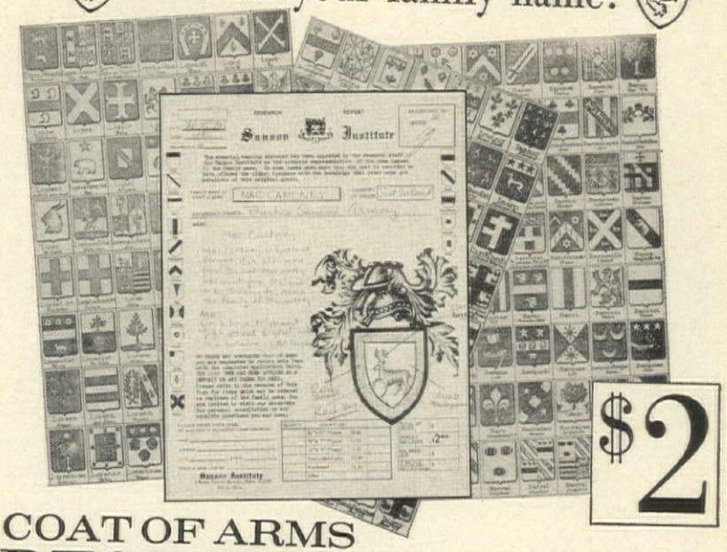
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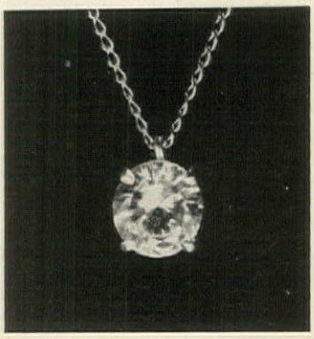
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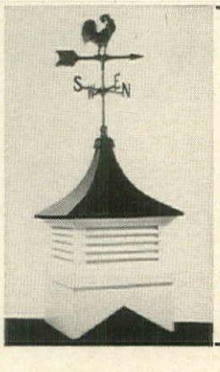
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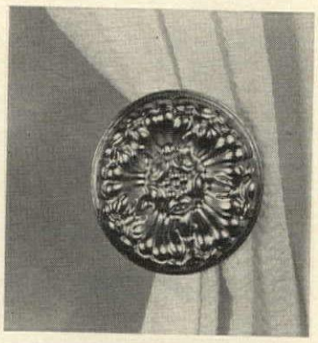
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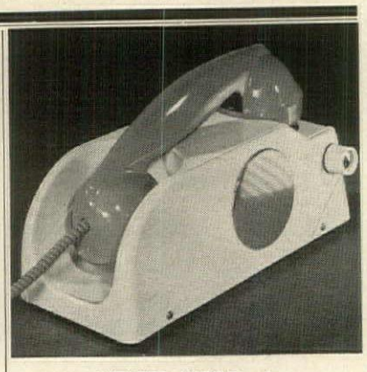
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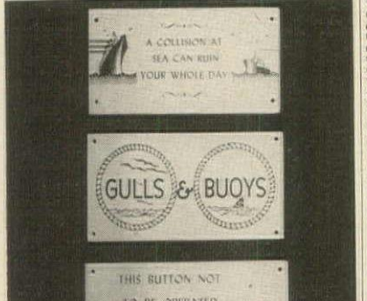


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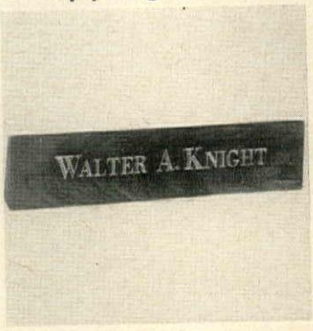
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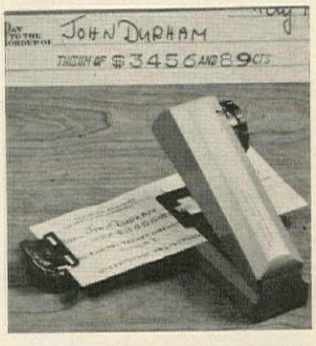
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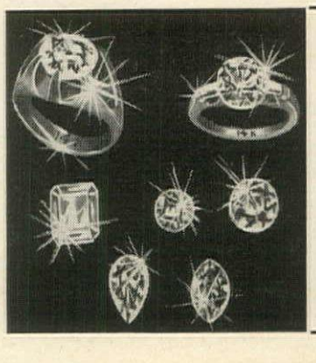
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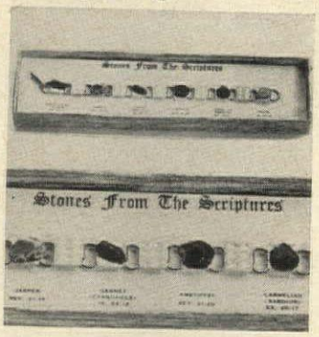
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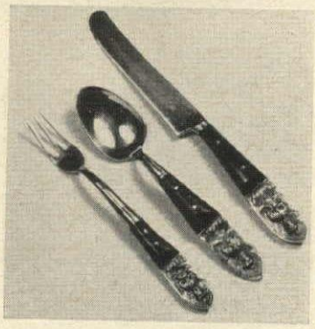
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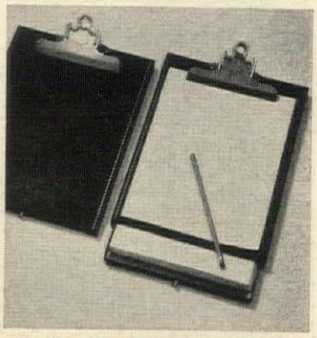
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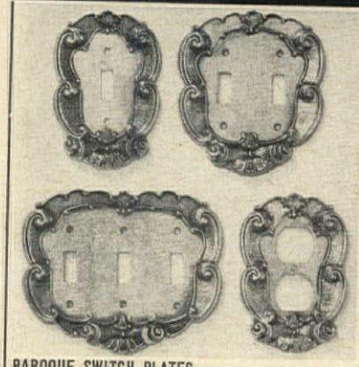


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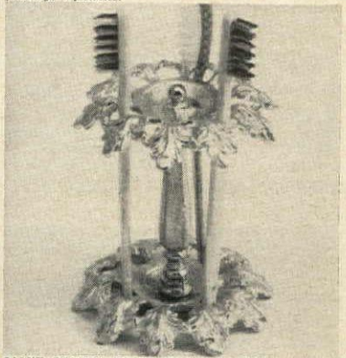
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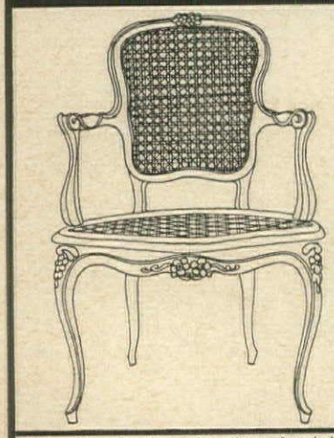
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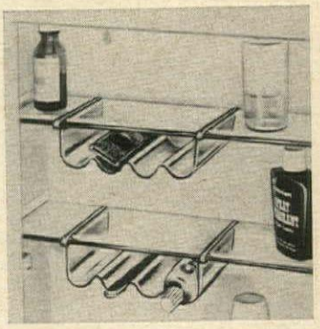
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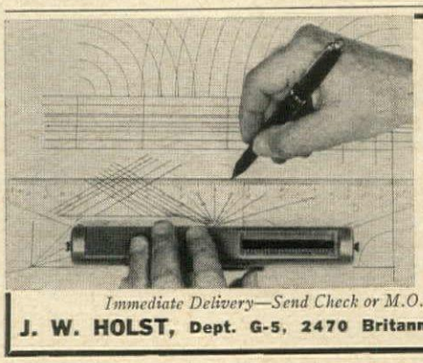
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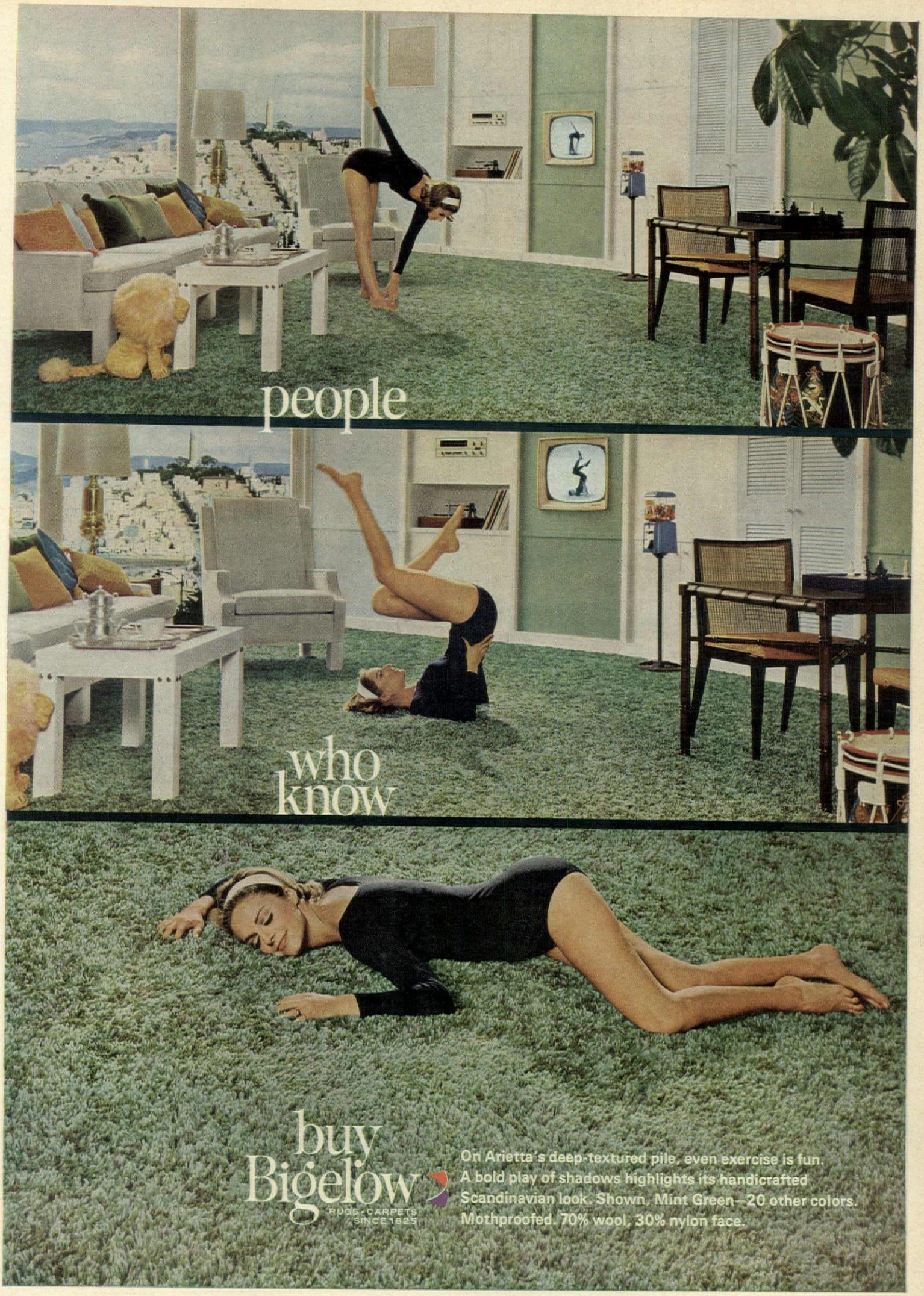
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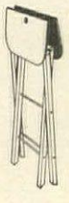
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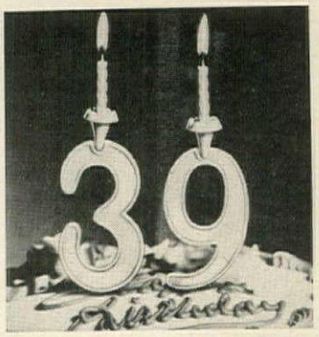
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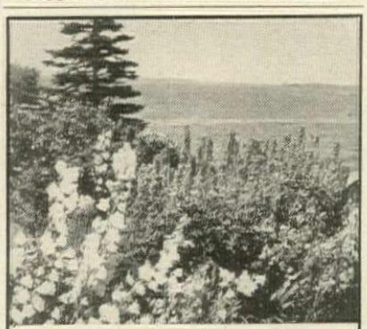


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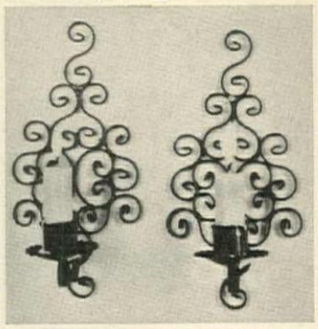
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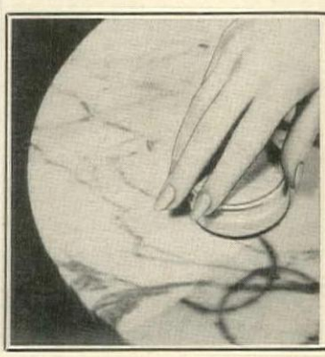
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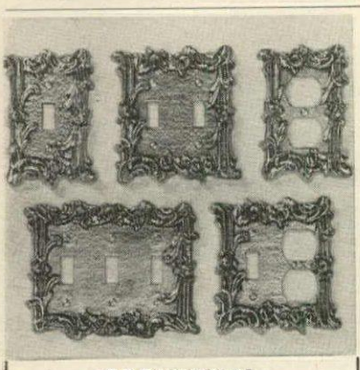
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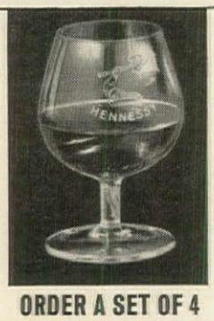
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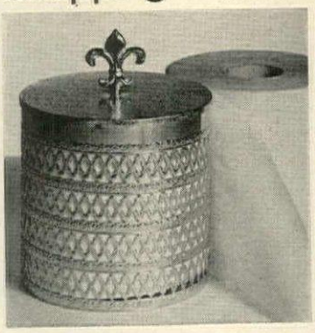
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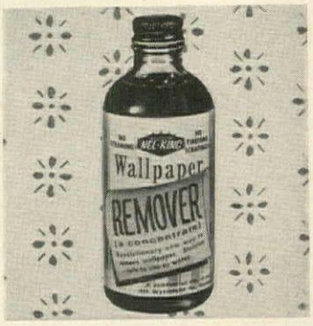
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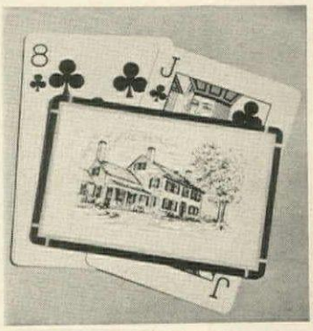
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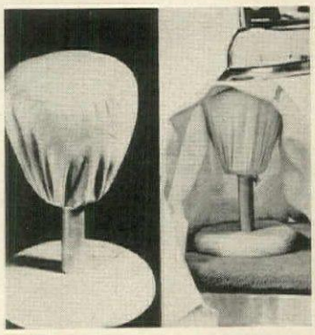
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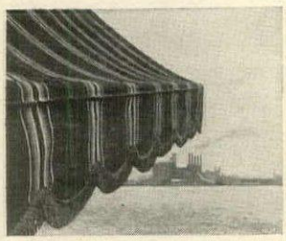
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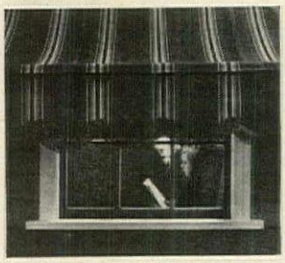


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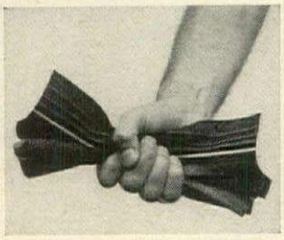
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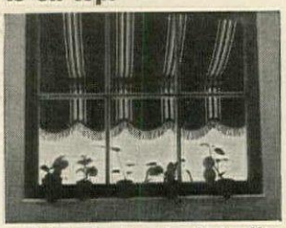


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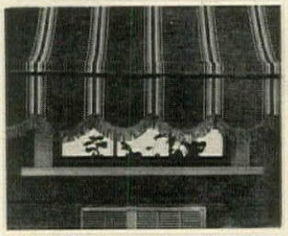
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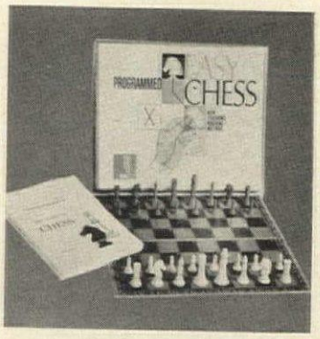
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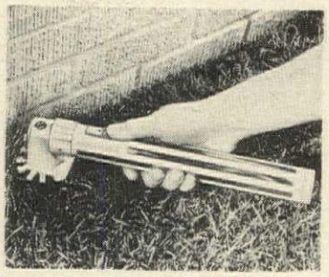
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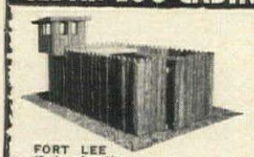
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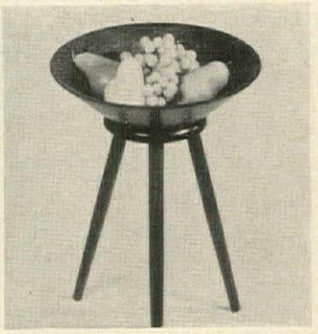
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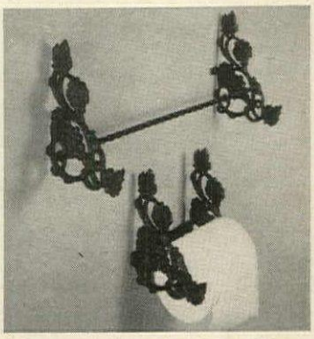
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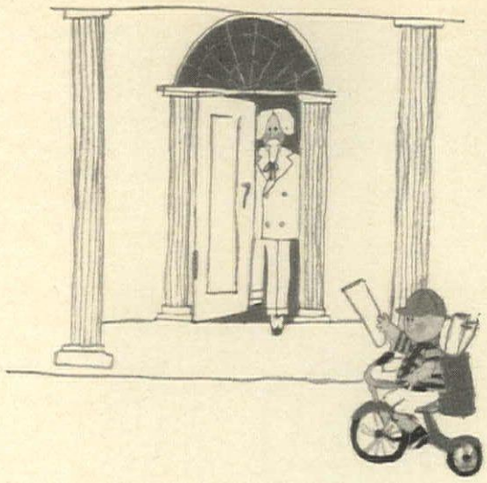
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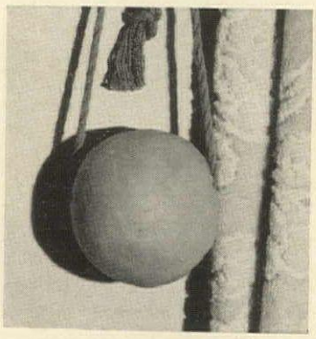
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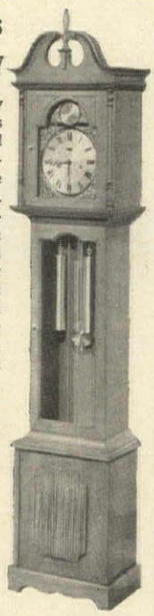


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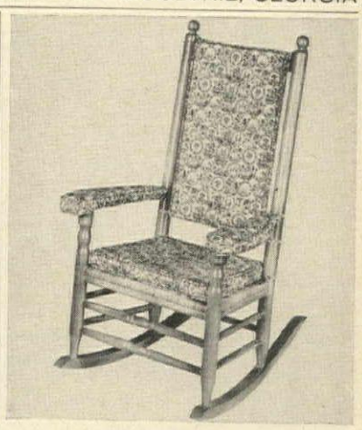
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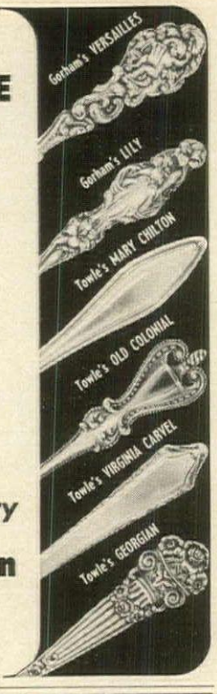
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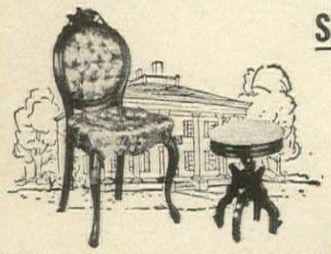
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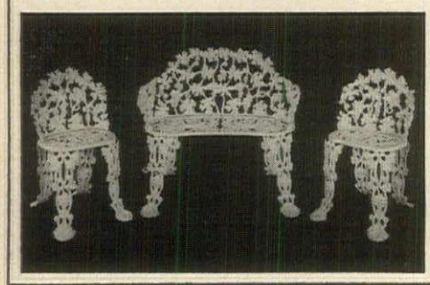
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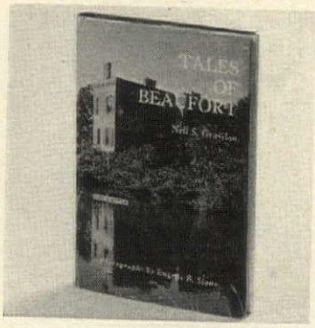
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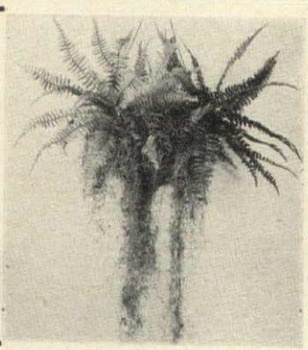
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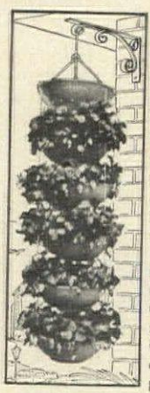
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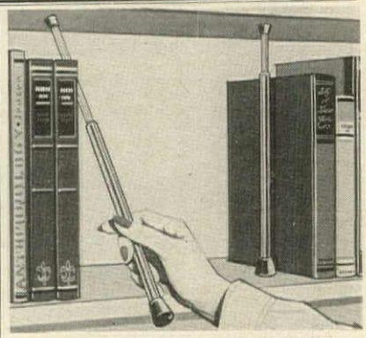
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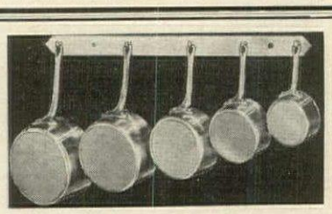
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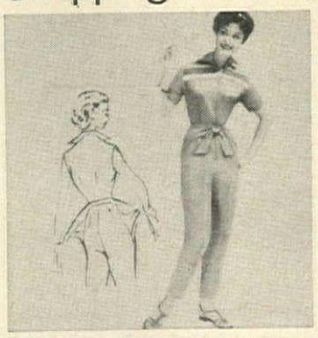
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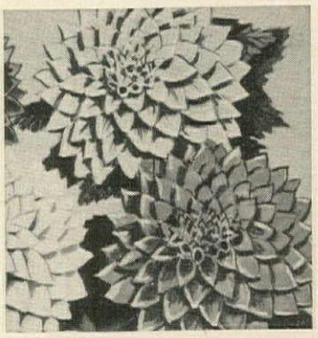
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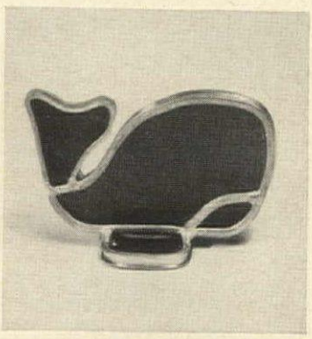
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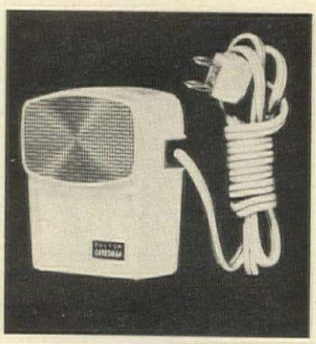
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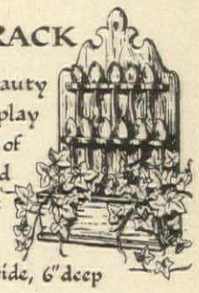
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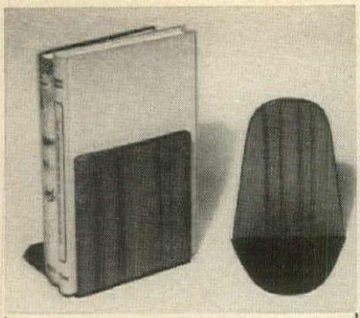
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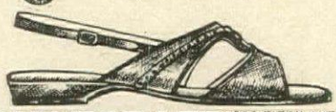
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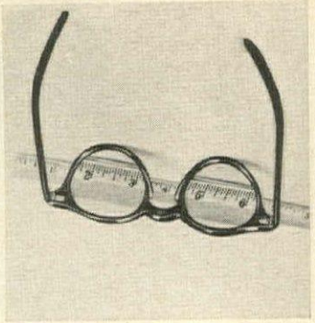
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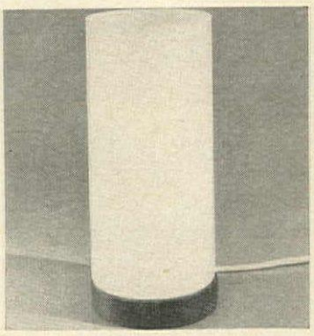
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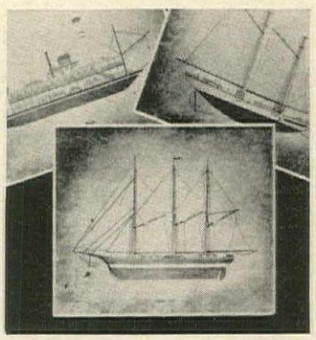
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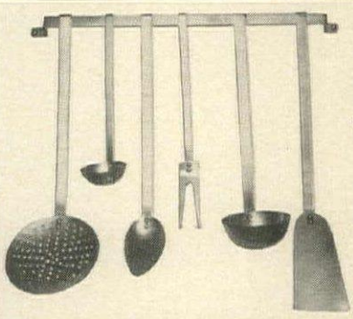
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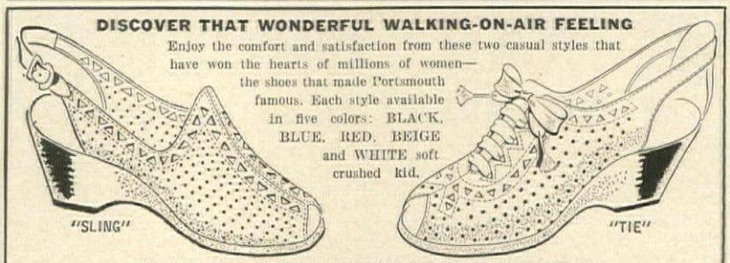
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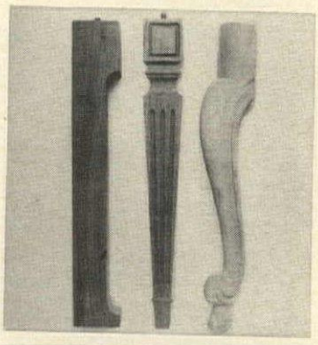
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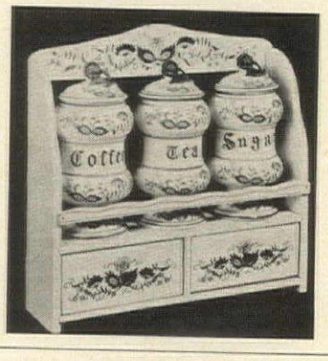
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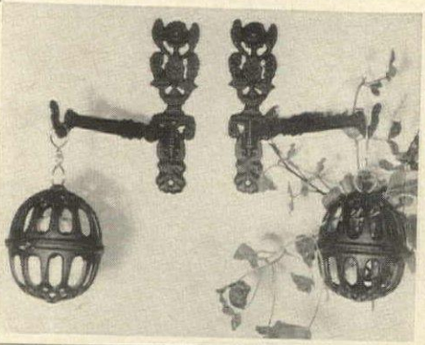
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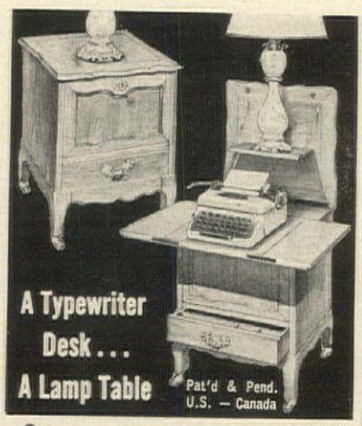
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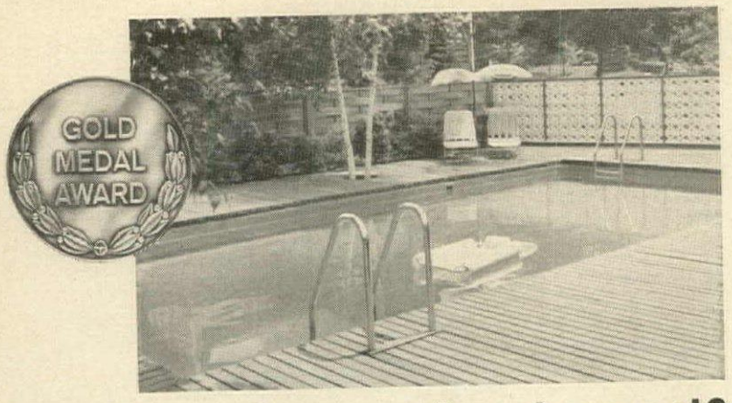
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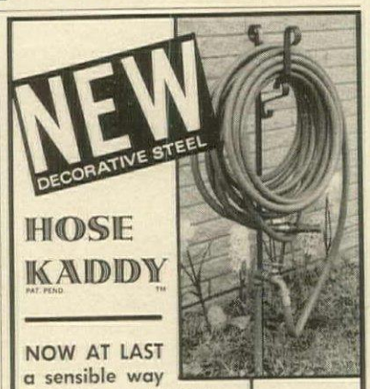
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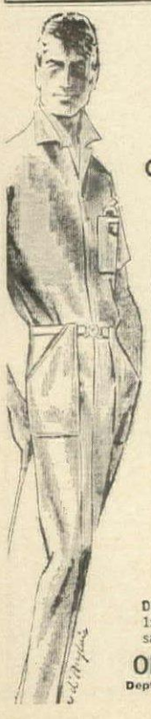


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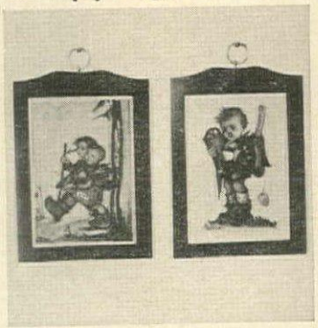
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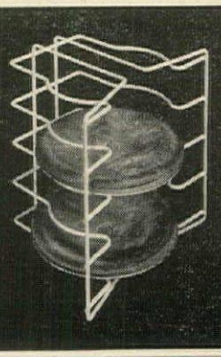
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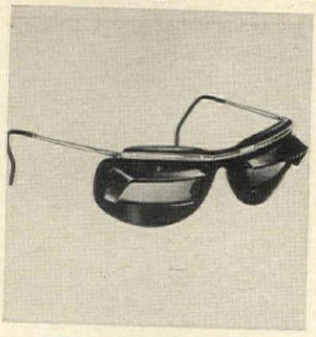
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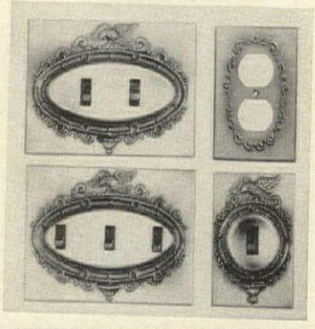
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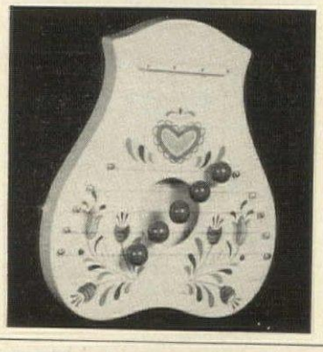
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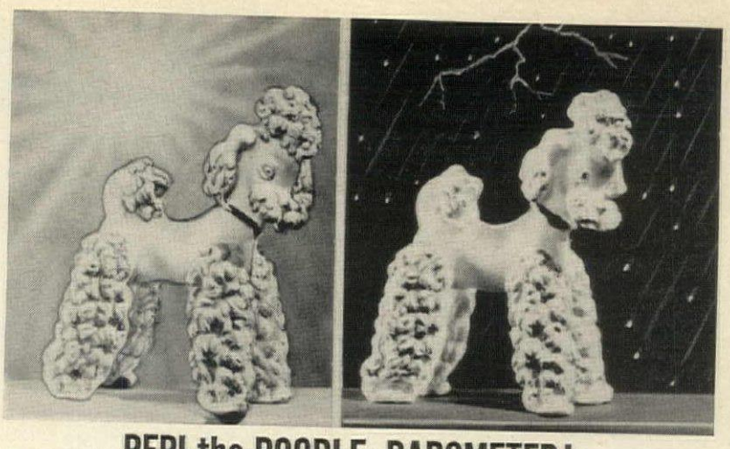
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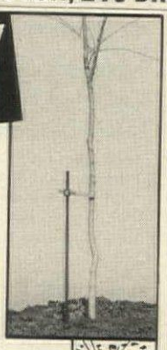


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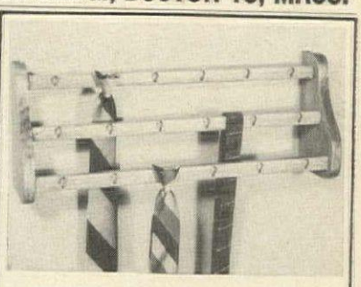


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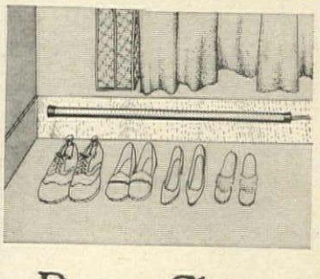
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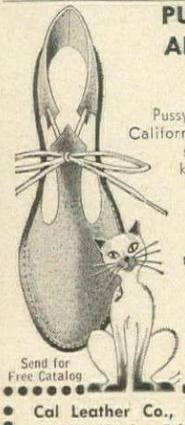
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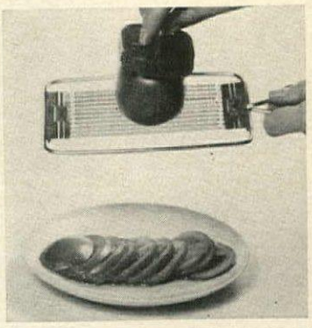
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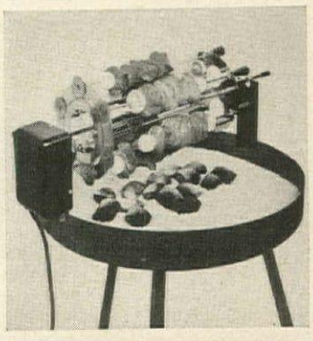
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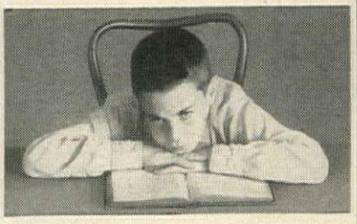
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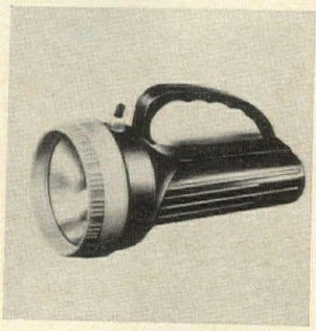
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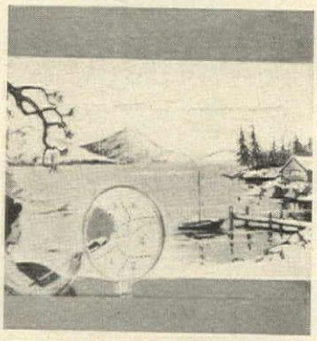
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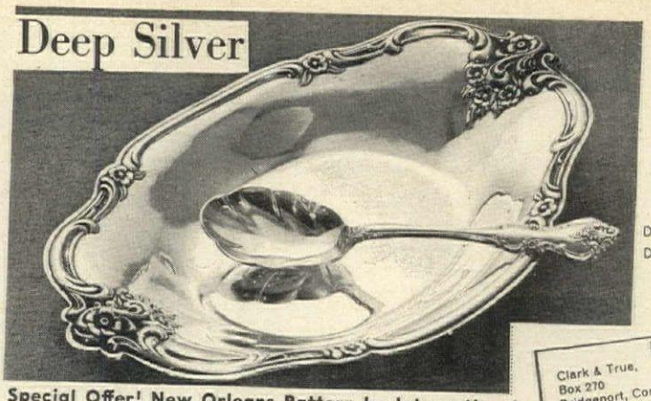
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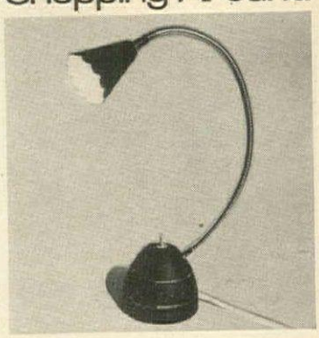
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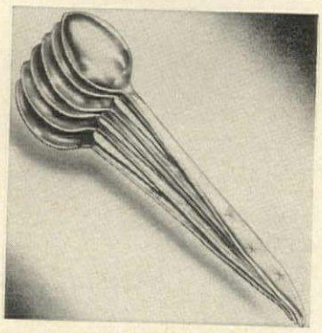
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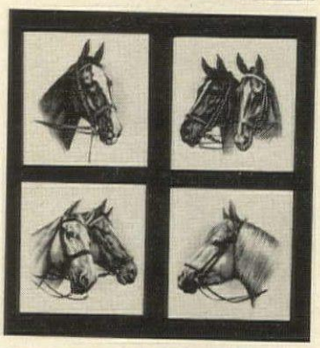
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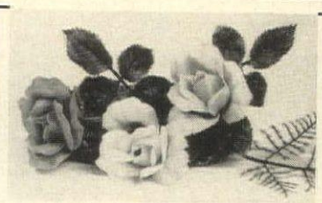
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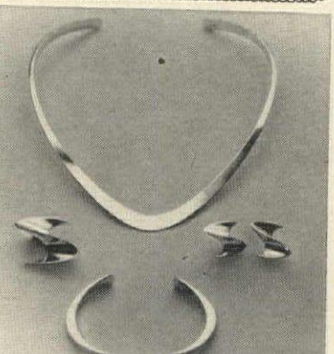
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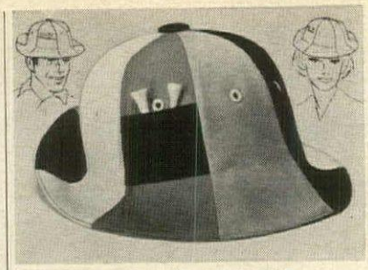
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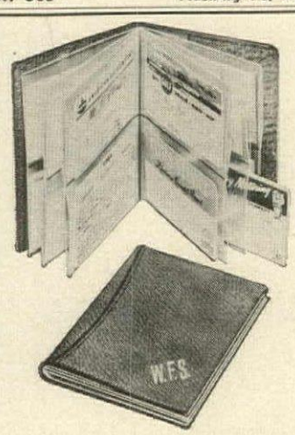
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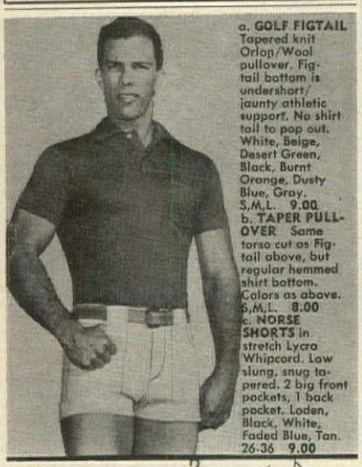
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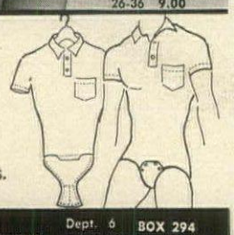
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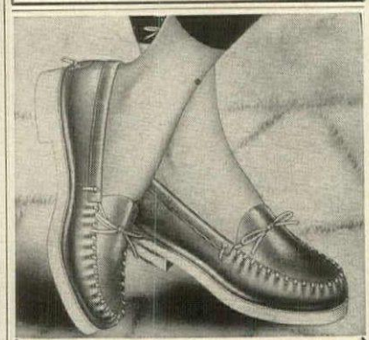


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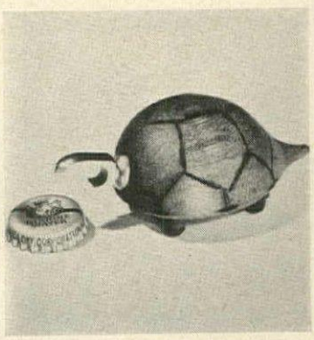
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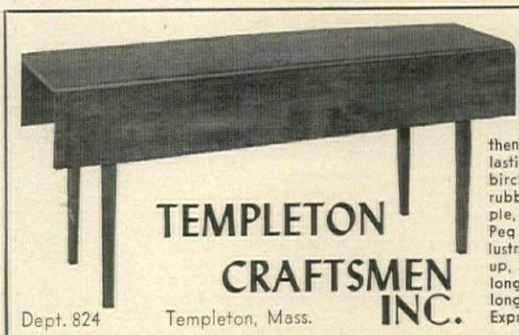
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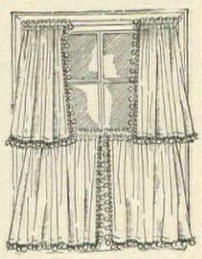
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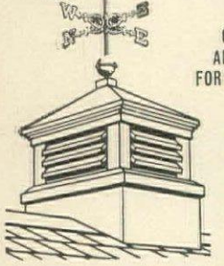
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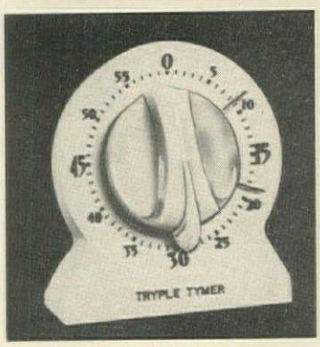
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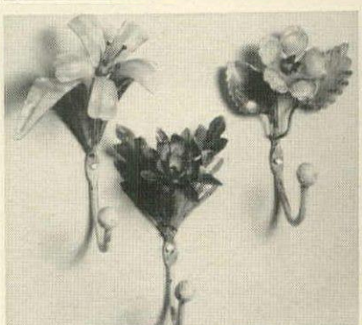
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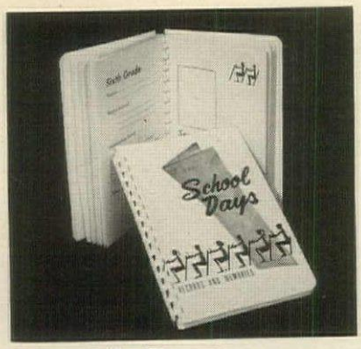
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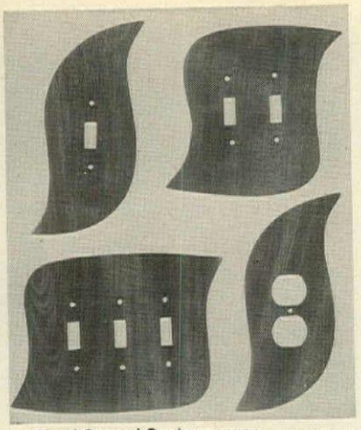
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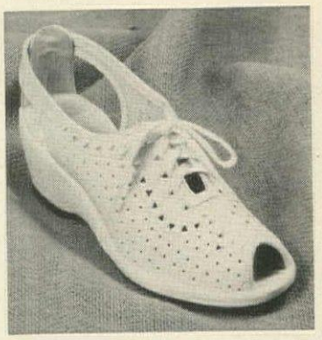
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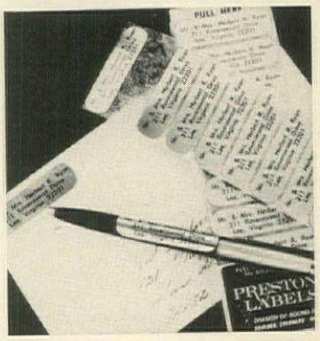
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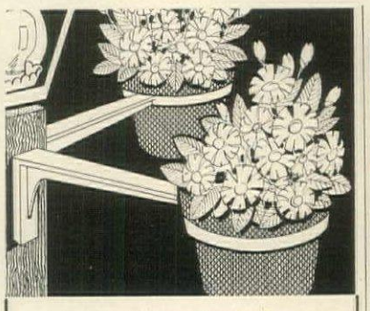
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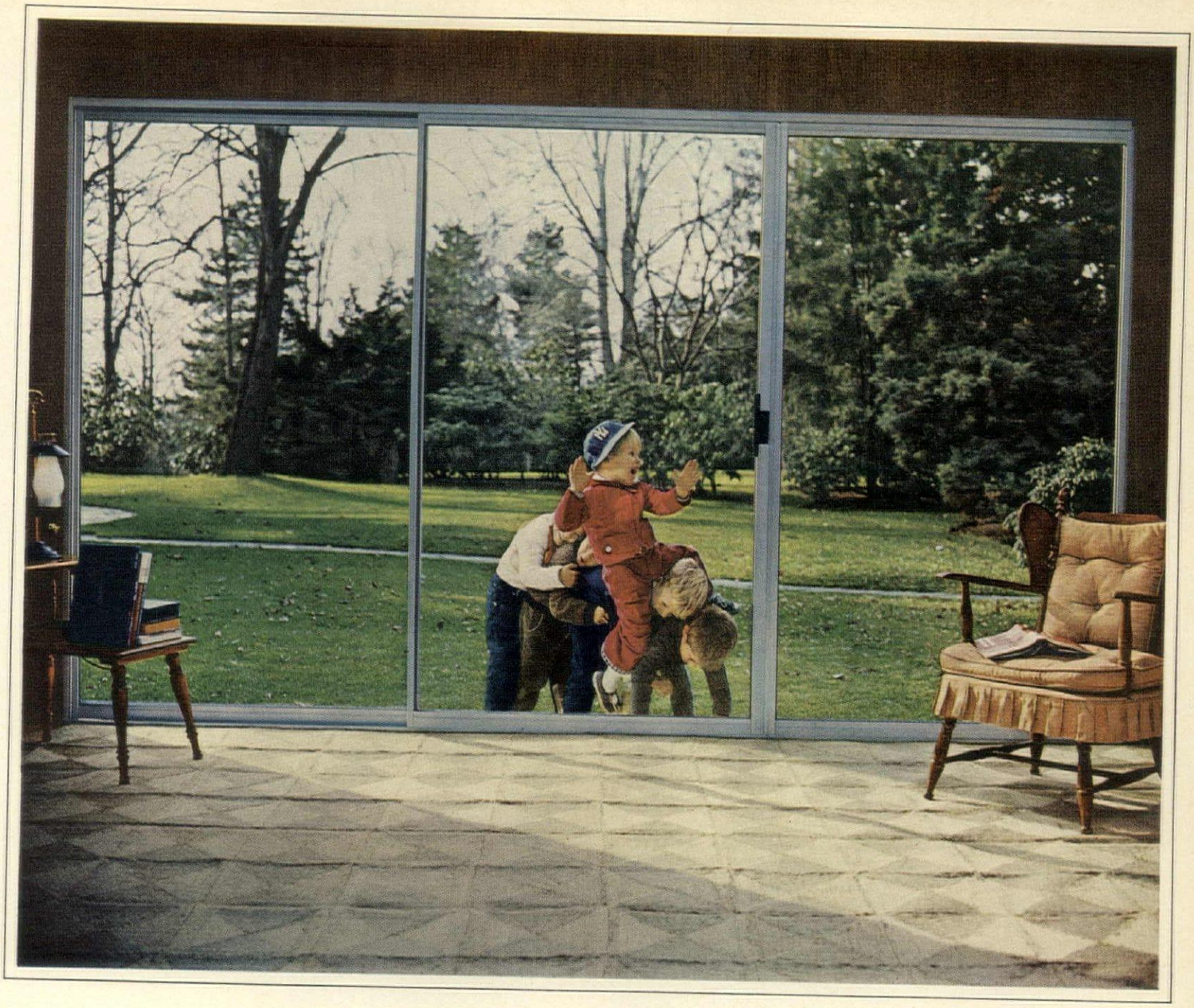
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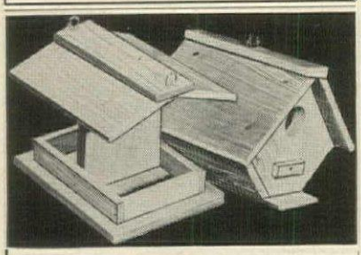
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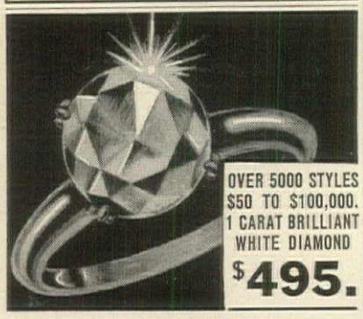
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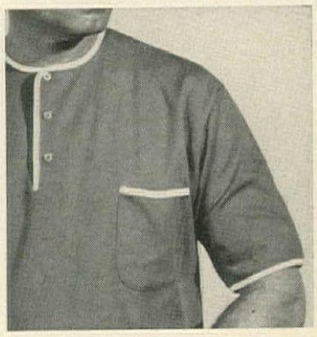
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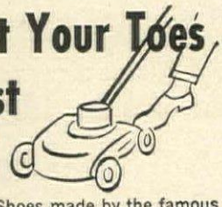
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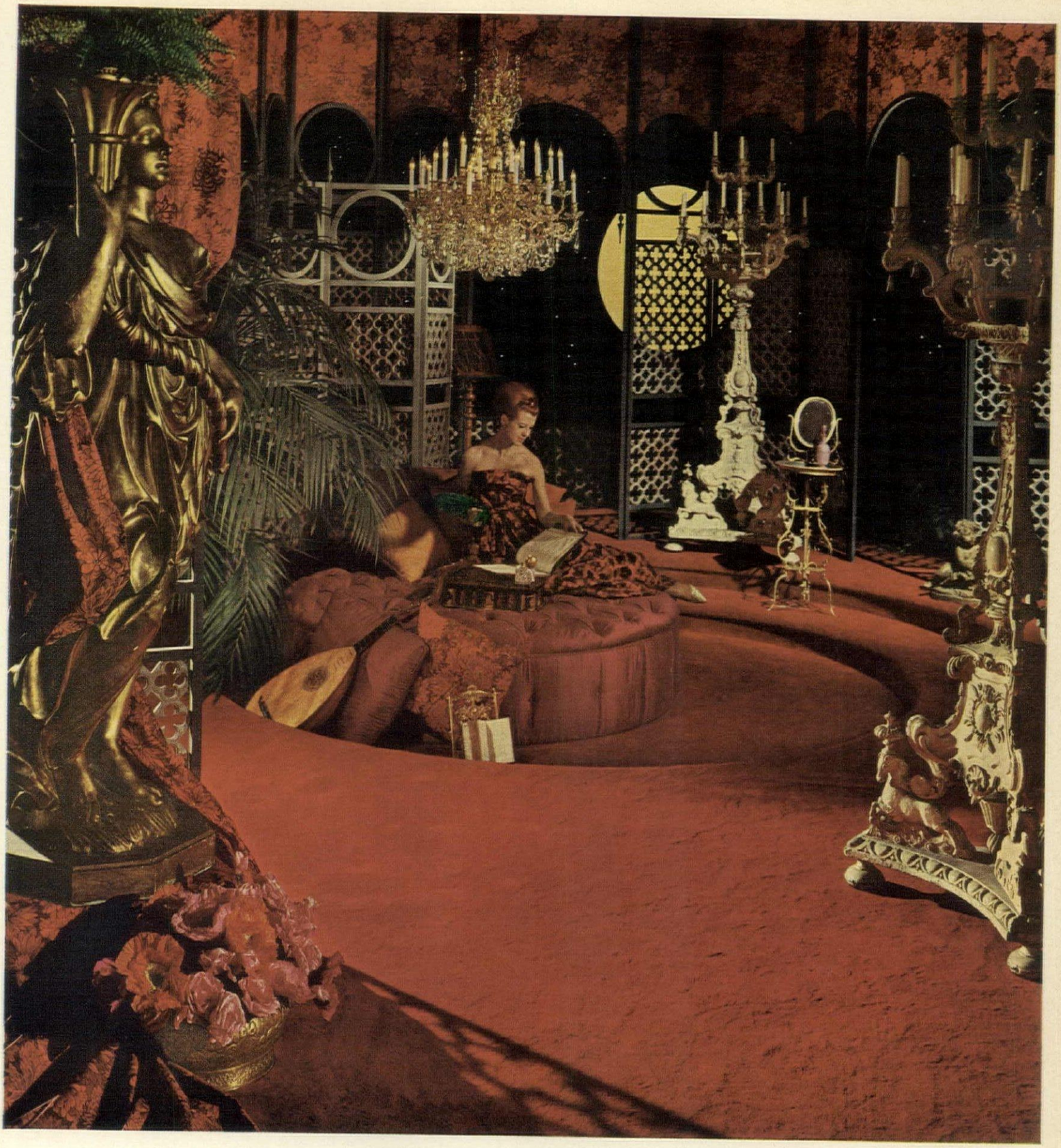
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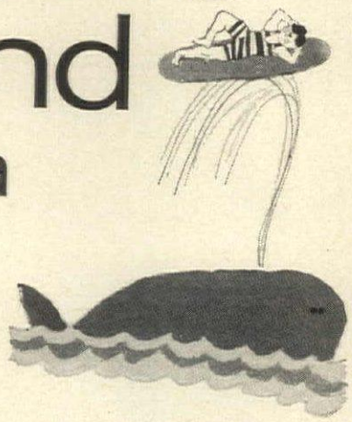


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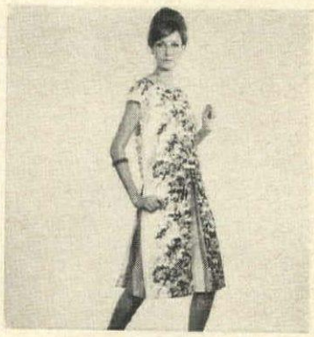
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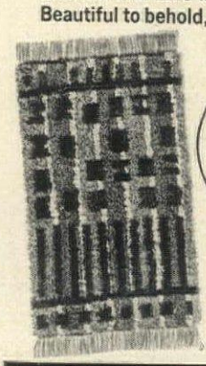
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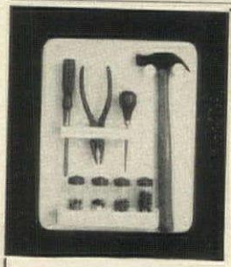
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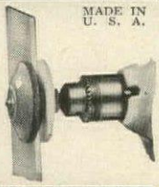
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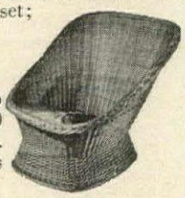
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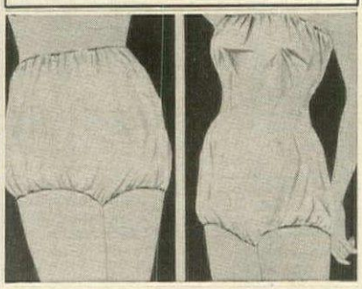
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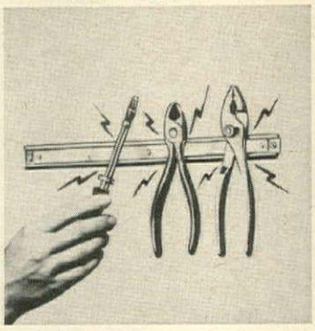
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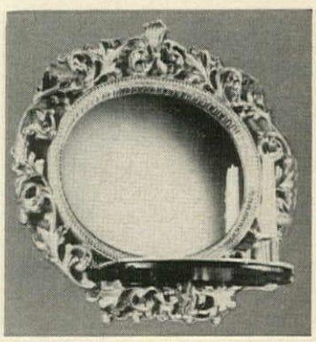
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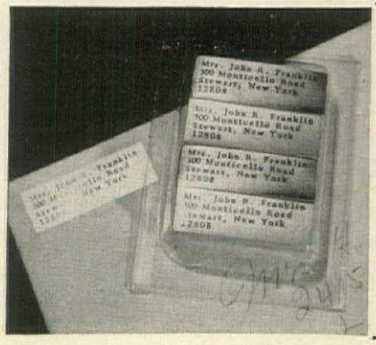
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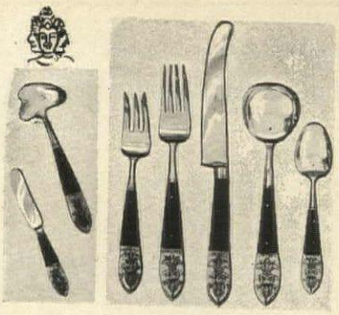
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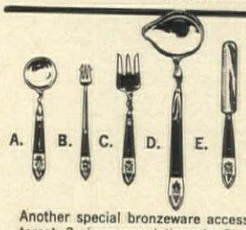
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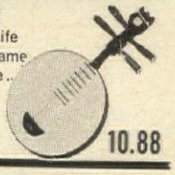


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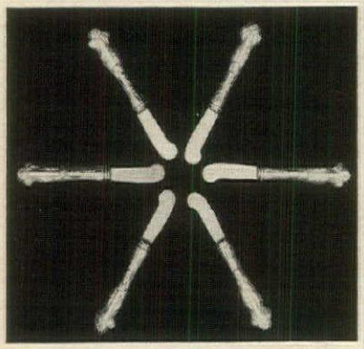
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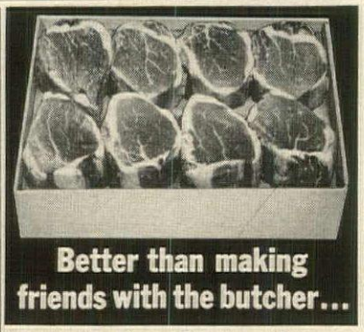
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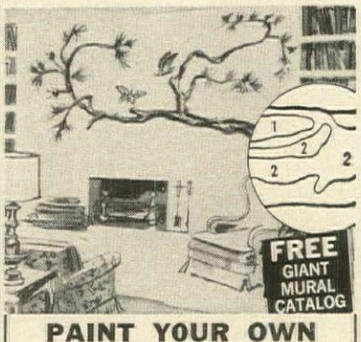
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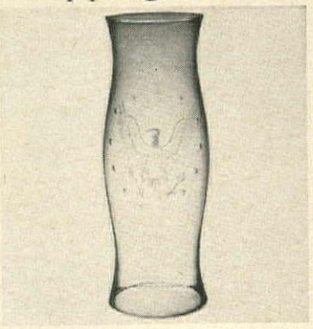
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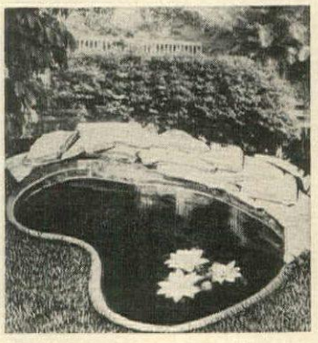


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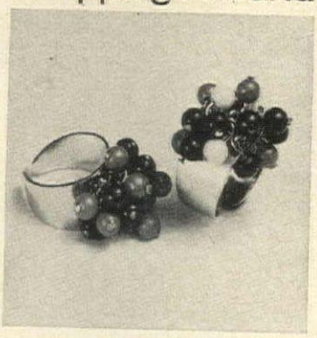
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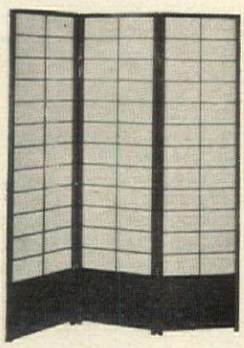
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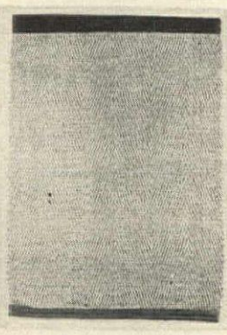
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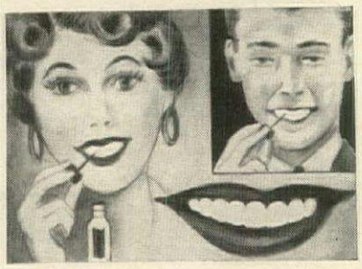
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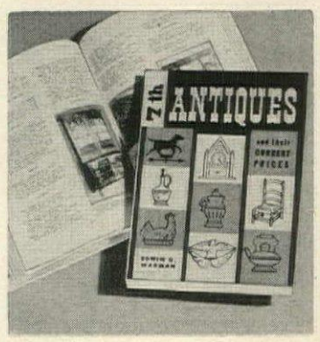
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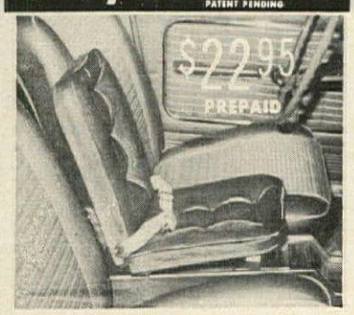


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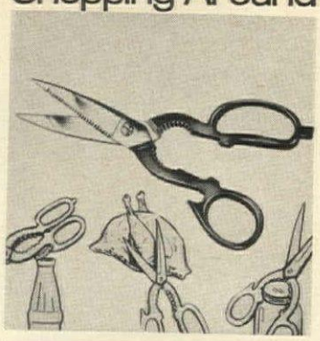
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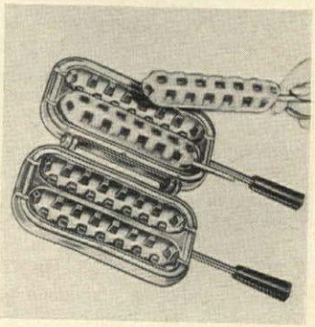
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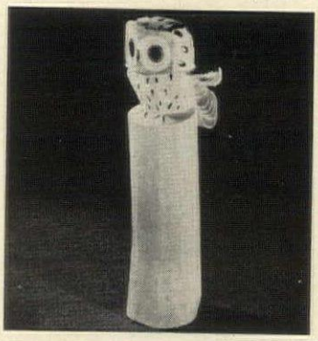
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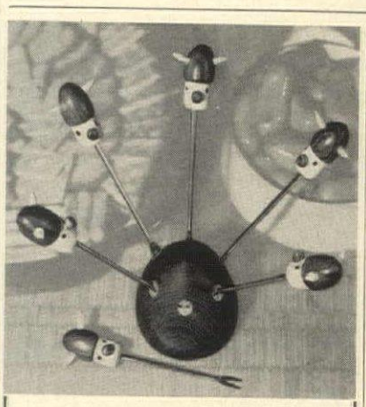
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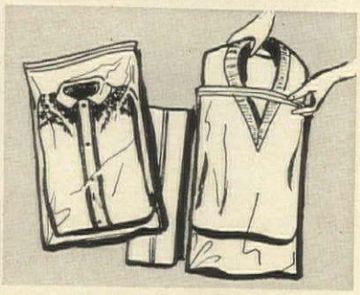


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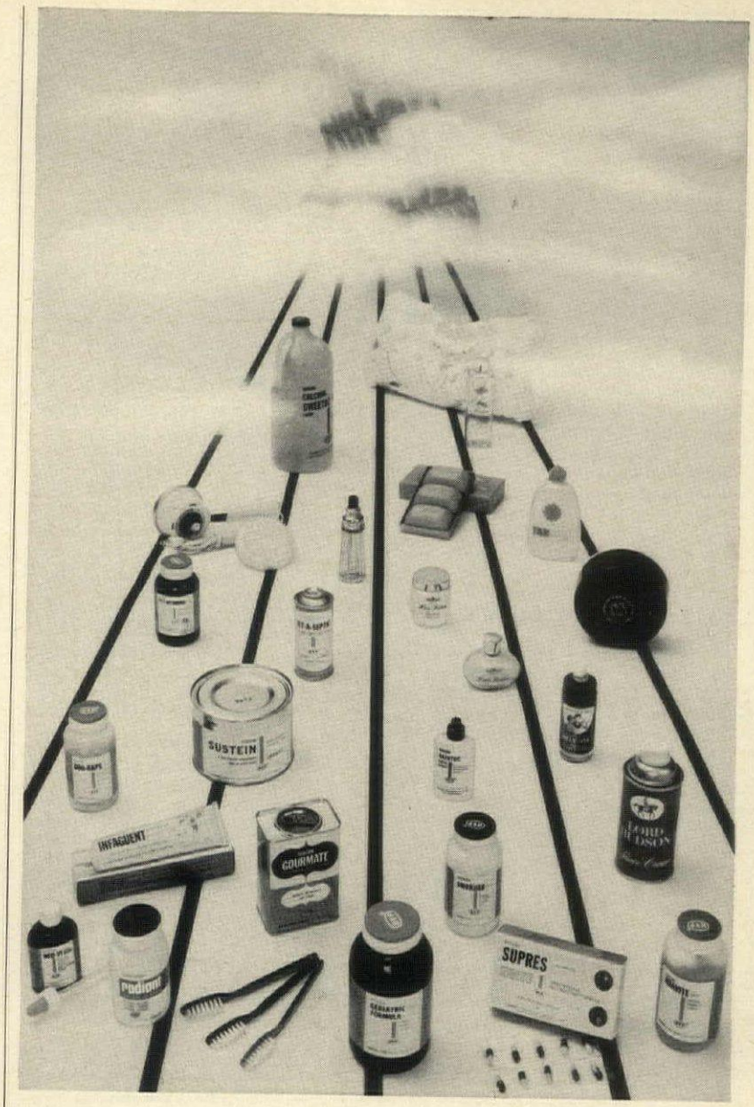
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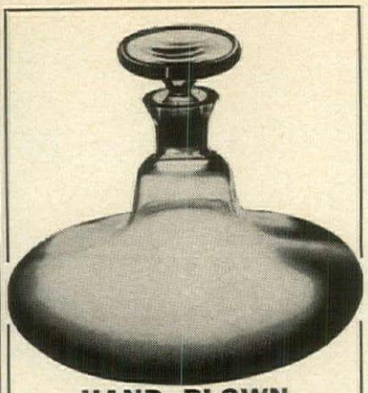
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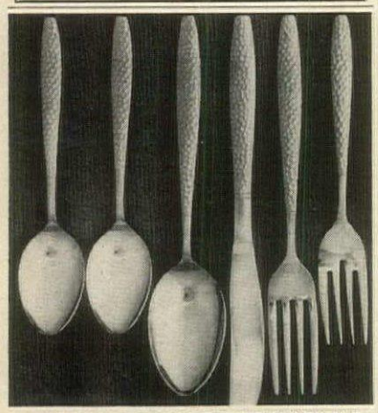


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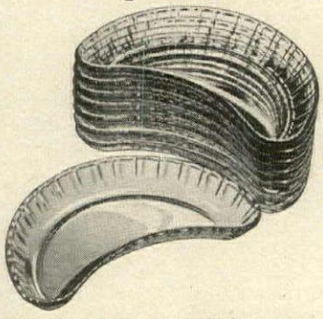
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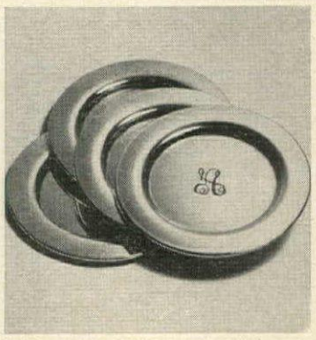
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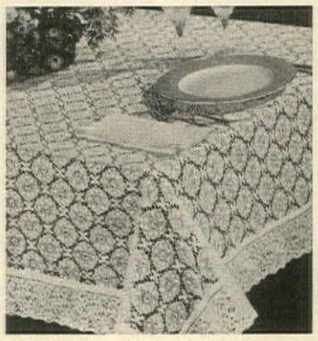
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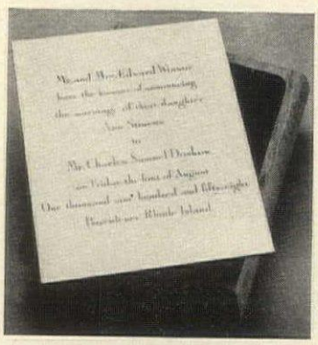
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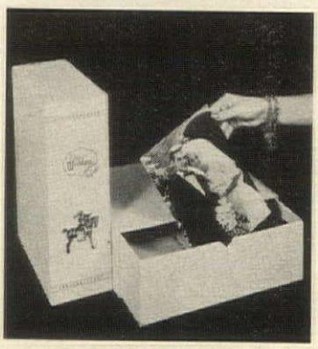
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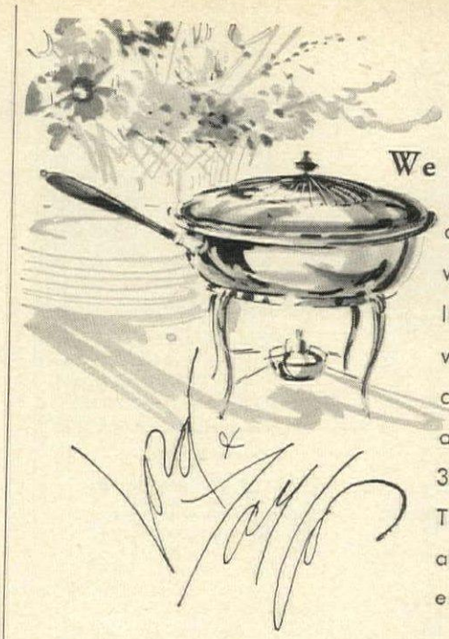
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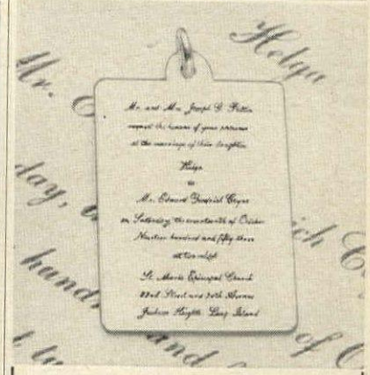
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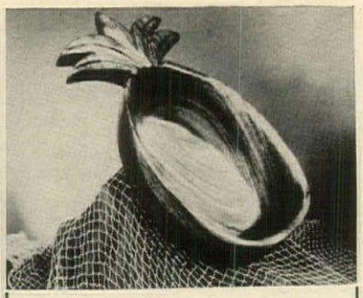
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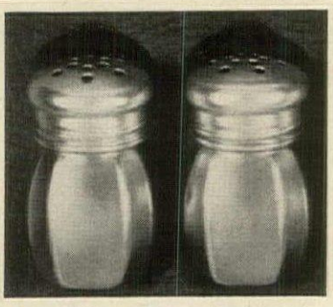
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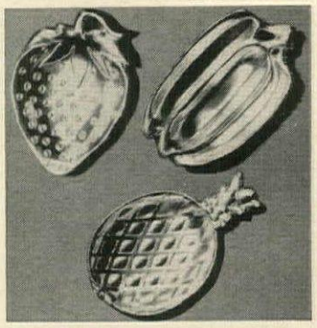
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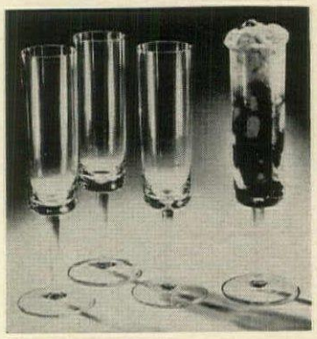
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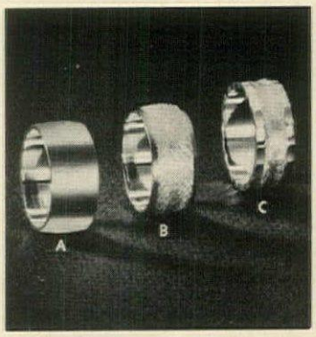
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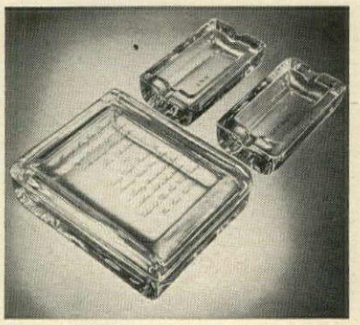
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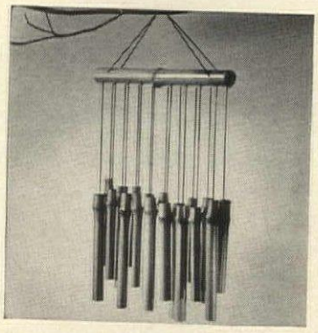
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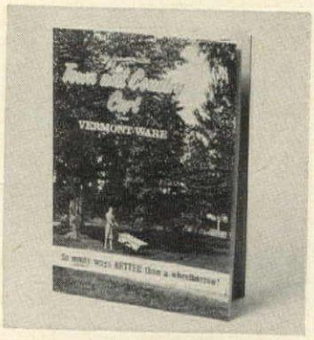
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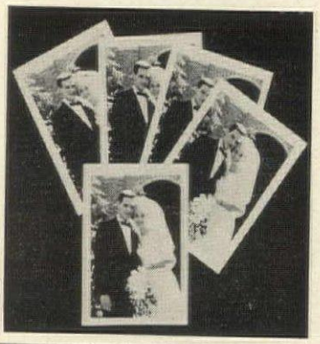
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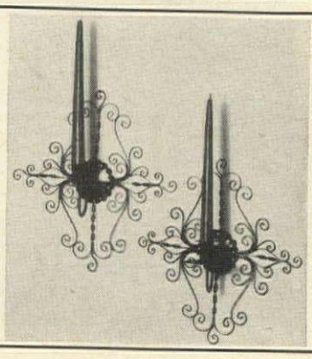
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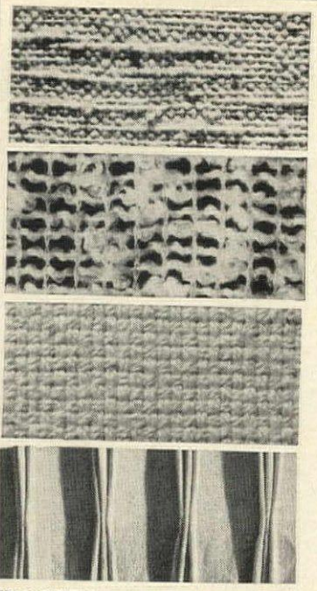
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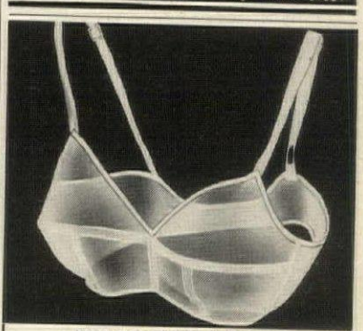
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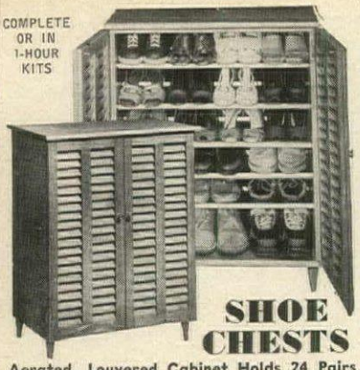
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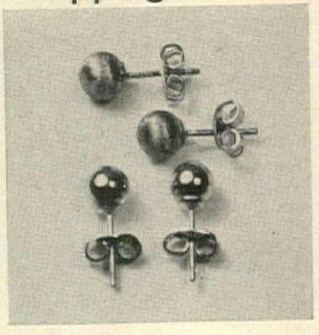
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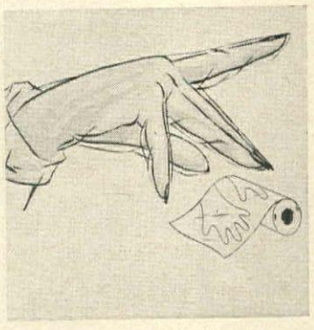
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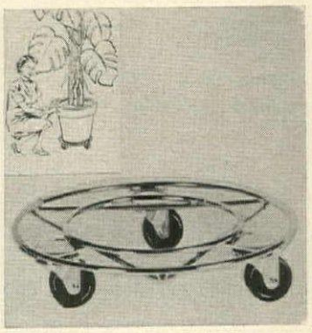
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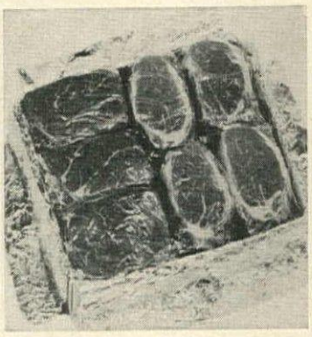
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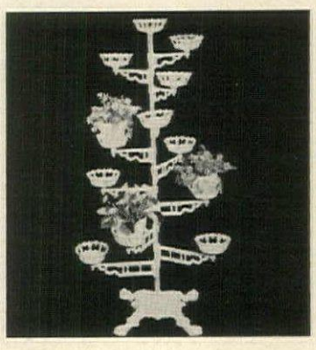
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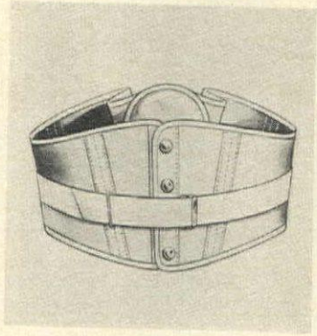
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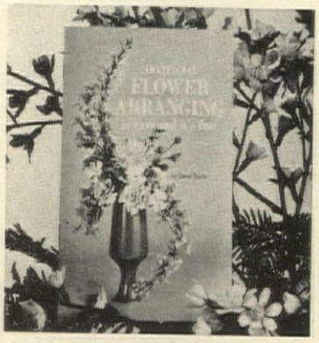
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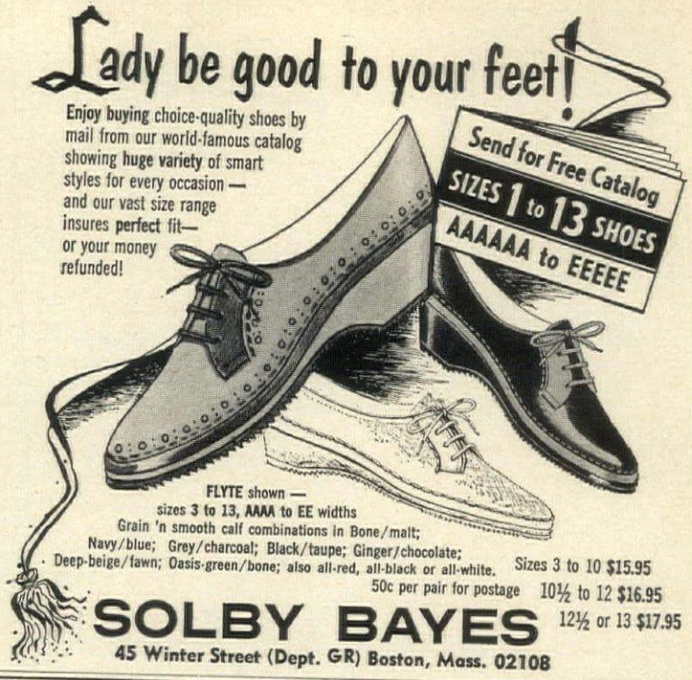
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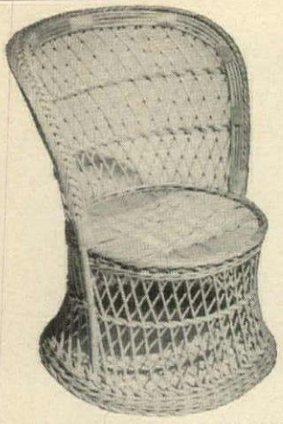
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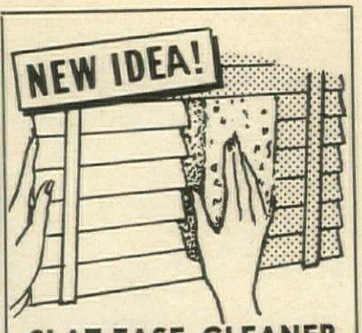
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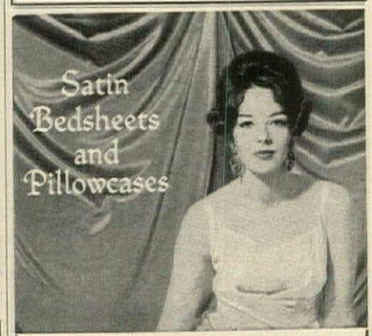
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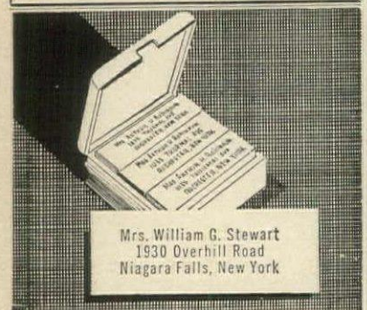
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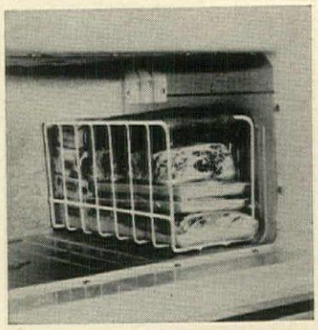
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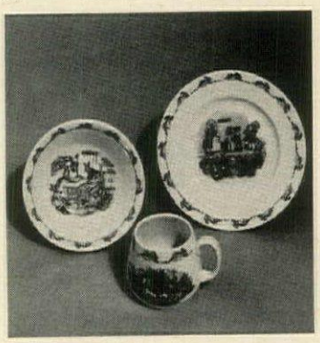
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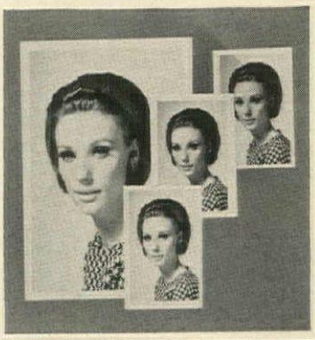
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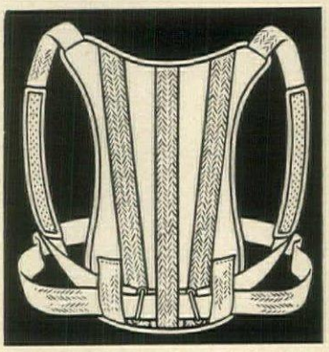
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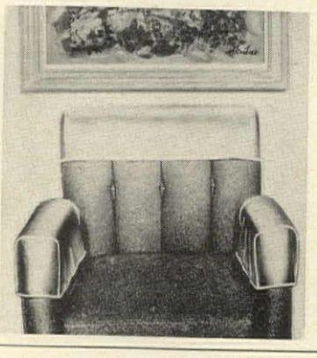
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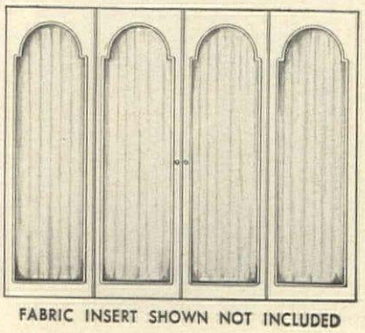
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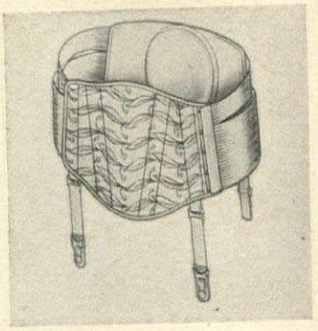
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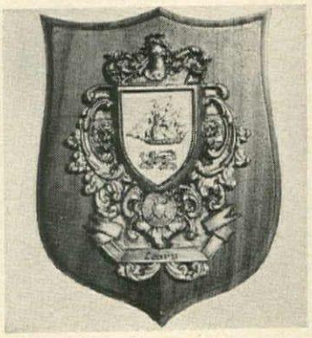
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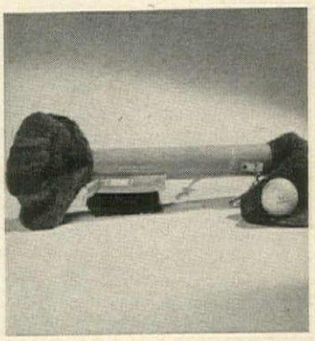
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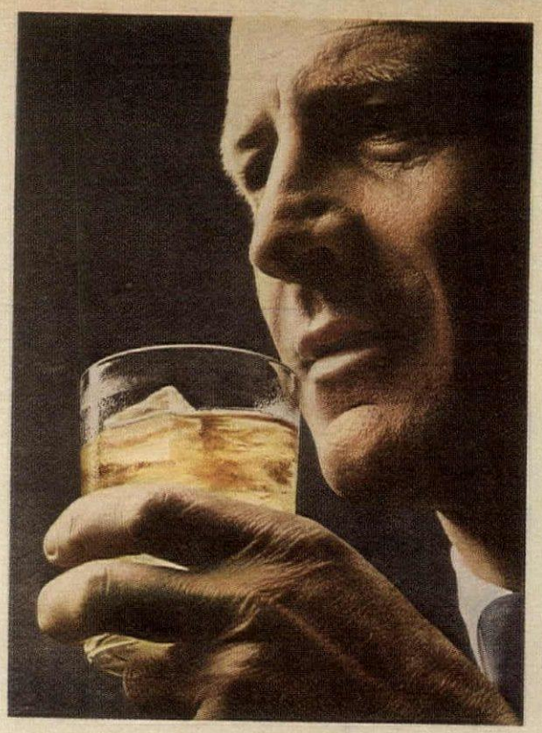
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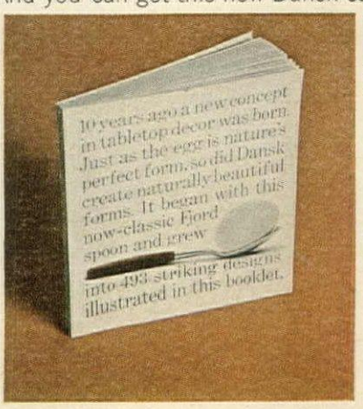
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For instance: How often at a party given by a middle-aged hostess do you meet a young couple under 25 (or even under 35) who are not members of her own family? Yet adventurous party-givers have discovered there are few surer guarantees of a lively evening than a good sprinkling of youth among the guests, especially when there are no filial or parental ties to inhibit young or old and everyone is on equal footing as a valued friend of the house. At such parties the mature are jolted out of their complacency and the young out of their cynicism. Old eyes sparkle, forgetting they were so recently tired, and young eyes widen, forgetting they had been thinking the world unfriendly. Every guest is secretly flattered to have been invited to these parties, and goes home feeling a little better about himself. But they are rare.

Even more disturbing examples of our failure to appreciate youth are the new retirement communities specifically planned for physically able and financially independent couples whose children have grown. In part, their premise is sound. House & Garden has always believed, for instance, that couples in their "years of independence" should have houses with easy plans, easy upkeep and easy long-term maintenance that will free their time and energies for the more creative interests they were formerly too busy to pursue. (But in the new retirement communities, we have seen houses so short on storage, we can only assume the planners expect buyers to divest themselves of their lifelong accumulations of belongings before moving in.) We also believe it is sound to plan communities—as some of the better retirement cities have been planned—in which the routine of living is made easier by nearby shopping areas, prepared meals for those who don't want to cook, readily accessible medical facilities. (But many of these conveniences would be welcomed by young people, too, especially by young mothers during the strenuous early years of childbearing and infant care.)

We grant that all of us have need now and then for an exchange of sentiments and symptoms with those whose sentiments and symptoms are exactly like our own. What can happen when we live exclusively with people "just like us," however, we have learned from the stories of boredom and discontent in certain postwar suburbs where every family is at the same stage of life as the family next door. If young families find this stultifying, how much more shortsighted it is to relegate older couples—or for them to relegate themselves—to communities where no one under 50 need apply and no children under 18 are welcome.

House & Garden is convinced that youth's freshness of viewpoint, youth's challenges, even youth's rebelliousness are what stimulate the continual self-renewal that makes life exciting and truly worth living. Dutiful visits from children and grandchildren can never take the place of a daily exchange with young neighbors and friends. Why should the retired be deprived of it?

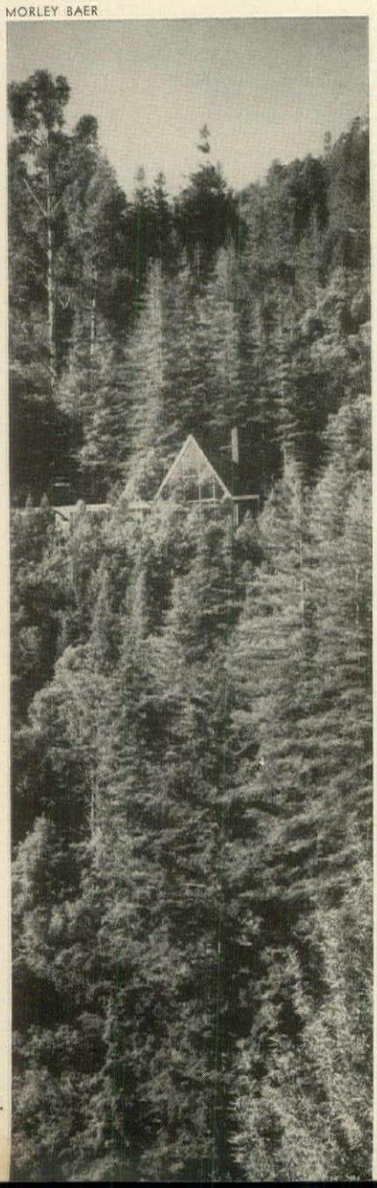
If youth, as GBS claimed, is wasted on the young, surely those who are no longer young have a right and a reason to make the most of it.

TWO SMALL

Quite like Abraham Lincoln's view on important principles, a good house—particularly a small house—not only may, but *must* be flexible. Big houses, born full-grown, rarely trouble their families with growing pains. But small-house families—especially those expanding not only numerically, but dimensionally—can know the pangs so intimately that to cope is almost impossible unless their architects have been thoughtful enough to provide built-in adaptability to change. Additional space, naturally, is the most important need—but not the only problem. As children mature and parents allow themselves more self-indulgence, family points of view, tastes and requirements alter just as inexorably as the patter of little feet changes into the thunder of clodhoppers, none the less loved, but infinitely pleasanter at a distance.

Adaptability to change is not always lacking in an old house, but usually the exchequer suffers less if the propensity for change has been planned from the beginning as it was in these two houses. Both are small now, were moderate in cost, and, in utterly different ways, designed to fit both the present and future needs of their families. In the first, additional space already exists in a semi-dormant state. Expansion will take place simply by bringing it to life. In the second, change is to be effected by the addition of a little companion pavilion which will be dovetailed to the main house with a precision preordained since the day the plans first saw light on the drawing board.

MORLEY BAER



1 Hillside house destined for change

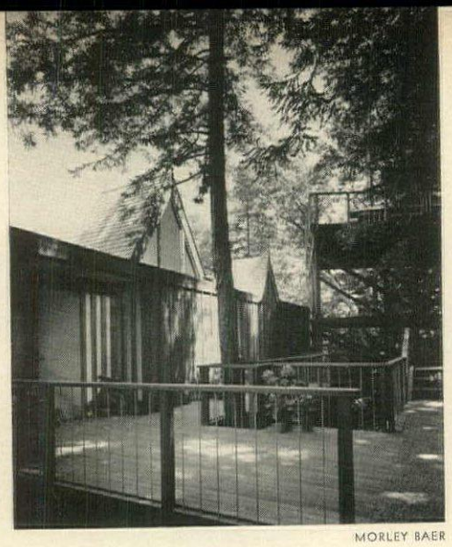
Hung like a falcon's nest on a mountainside in Mill Valley, Calif., our first house-to-grow-in was designed for Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Miller by architects Robert Marquis and Claude Stoller. Viewed from across the valley, it has the perkiness of a storybook chalet—a delightful look sparked by four steep glass gables, one of them huge, which pop up in sharp, serrated silhouette over the flat roof to light two sides of the living room and kitchen and one side of each bathroom. In the living room, *opposite page*, the north gable forms a vast 23-foot-high window wall to capture the full sweep of the superb view.

In its present form, the house offers the Millers and their four small children exactly 1,692 square feet of livable space—all of it on one level, every inch of it carefully disposed. Comfortable and workable for now, the house will always be visually gratifying. But although it has only two children's bedrooms (tolerable for toddlers, not so fine for teen-agers), no guest room and a kitchen that could profit nicely with more space, more storage, the Millers do not fret. They know that when the children really start to shoot up, the demands of expansion can be answered with an architectural drop of a hat—downstairs. (*Continued*)

The living room will remain as it is today ▶

HOUSES
DESIGNED TO GROW





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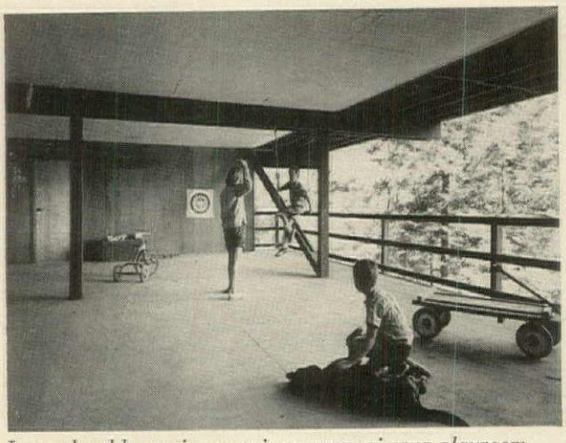
The entrance deck is below the road, and the carport is like a little platform that seems to be hung in the trees.

TWO-PHASE PLAN: THE POTENTIAL FOR EXPANSION IS BUILTIN

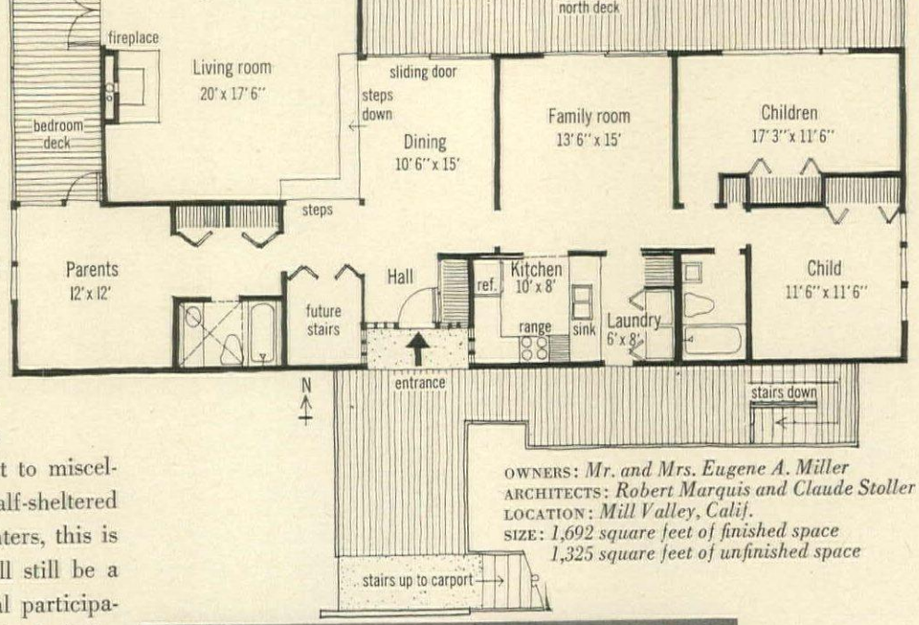
With a derring-do that astonishes New Englanders, a Californian will build his house anywhere at all as long as it commands a view. The Millers, running true to form, approach their aerie from a mountain road above it, park their car in an airborne carport, descend to one of three decks that almost girdle the house and enter their front door, *opposite page*. Before them (see unshaded plan, *right*) is the living room's raised platform that is used for dining and—two steps down—the living room itself. The Millers' own bedroom and bath lie at the left of the tiny foyer; the family room, kitchen, children's bedrooms and bath at the right. This, for now, is the Miller's cozy castle.

But downstairs, on another level made possible by the steep declivity of the mountainside, is another two-thirds of a house —a sweep of space devoted at the moment to miscellaneous catchall storage and a half-open, half-sheltered play area, *below*. Awaiting only the carpenters, this is eventual spreading-out territory. There will still be a playroom, but one that allows for parental participation. There will also be three bedrooms and a bath for the children, banks of closets, a gigantic storage room and a new spot for the laundry. Plumbing (minus fixtures) is already installed, and a staircase from the foyer will be constructed to add descent under cover.

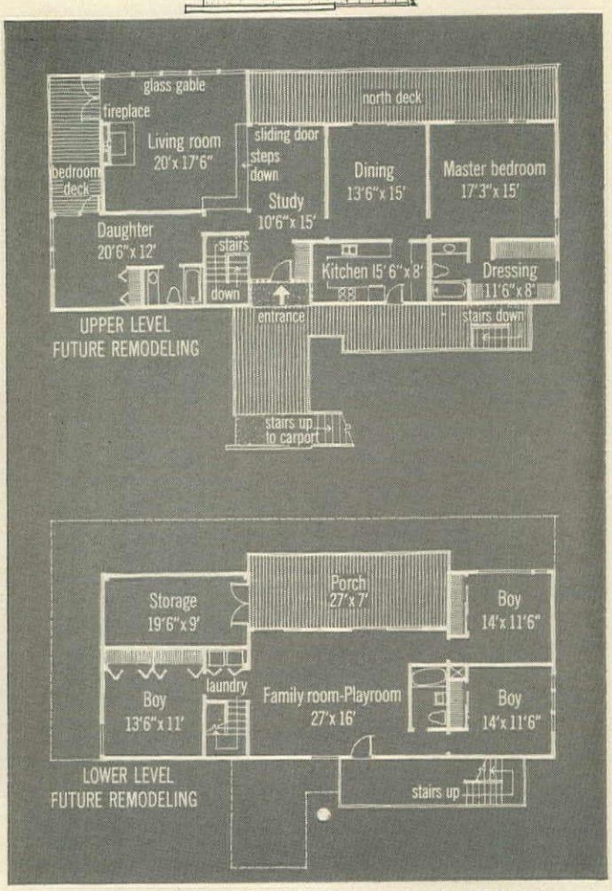
Upstairs, expansion will take a luxurious turn. With little more than a shift of closet and cabinet partitions (see top of shaded plan), the children's present bedrooms will become the parents' bedroom and dressing room. The kitchen, having lost its (*Continued*)



Lower-level bonus in space is now a semi-open playroom.



OWNERS: *Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Miller*
ARCHITECTS: *Robert Marquis and Claude Stoller*
LOCATION: *Mill Valley, Calif.*
SIZE: *1,692 square feet of finished space*
1,325 square feet of unfinished space



The plan: Upper level as it is now, TOP, *and as it will be revised,* CENTER; *lower level as it will be converted,* BOTTOM.

The house from the carport: The gables are perched like cocked hats.





Main deck borders a bedroom, the family room and the dining area.



Parents' deck forms a snug L between living room, master bedroom.

THE SUN ALWAYS SHINES ON ONE OF THREE DECKS

laundry to the lower level, will be roomier, and the parents' bedroom will be turned over to the Millers' daughter or, when she is away at school, to guests. The dining platform will become a study, and the family room, a full-time dining room.

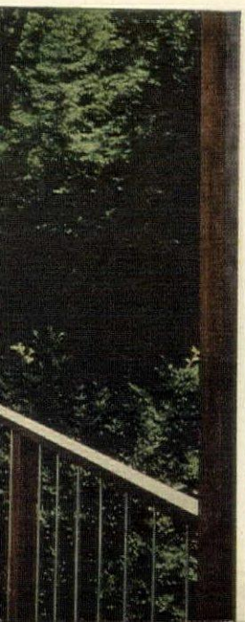
Although set in a corolla of trees that form four densely green walls, the Millers' house has none of the feeling of being drowned by a forest. Since these are tree*tops*, not trunks, the sun pours down on the three open decks, flooding them and the house with light. Sliding glass doors of the platform dining area, *opposite page, top*, the family room, *far right, below*, and one of the children's rooms open on the main deck, *above*, to keep nature at hand and make sun-bathing a breeze. The Millers' bedroom has a little deck of its own, *right*, parentally private. The entrance deck (page 127) is both a "front porch" and, with its little staircase, the only means of access to the lower level.

Two uncommon but inexpensive materials used in the house are the flooring of particle board—planks made of compressed wood chips—and the paneling of copper foil overlaid with redwood battens.



Dining area, a raised wing of the living room, will someday be a study.

MORLEY BAE



Gabled kitchen will expand by almost half.



Family room, where children now eat, will become full-fledged dining room.



2 Tidewater pavilion ready to expand

Hidden away in a tidewater woodland exactly thirty-one minutes from the roar of downtown Washington, D.C., our second house-to-grow-in has a well-tailored quality which won for its architect, Hugh Newell Jacobsen, a national American Institute of Architects' award. Designed as a vacation house, the pretty pavilion with its elegance, ease of maintenance and (for a small house) wonderful sense of spaciousness may lead its family to forsake the city to live, with their 6-year-old son, in their hideaway the year-round.

Only 32 feet square, the house is built on a slope and surrounded on three sides by a deck that adds 1,125 alfresco square feet to 1,024 square feet under cover. Beneath the deck, a plummet's drop away, lies a cove—a handy place to store the family boats for sailing on a nearby river.

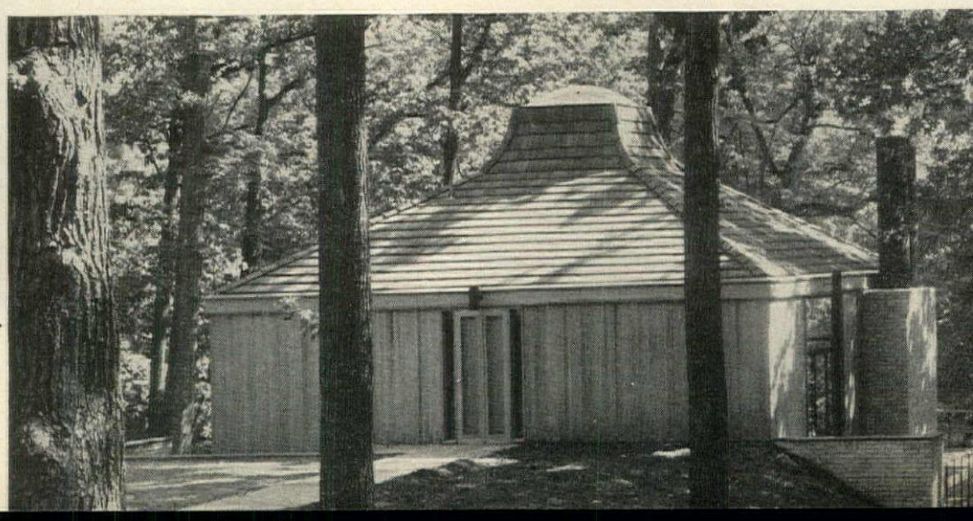
Enamored of sailing and the outdoors, the little family is using the house with increasing frequency and constantly making new demands upon it. The 6-year-old has his own room and his parents have theirs, but no other sleeping or guest accommodation is possible—at the moment. An expansion is planned, however, and will take shape, someday, in the form of an enchanting annex—a little offshoot already designed in the image of the parent house.



From below, the house appears to hang above the cove.



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From the east, morning sun pours into living-dining room and kitchen.

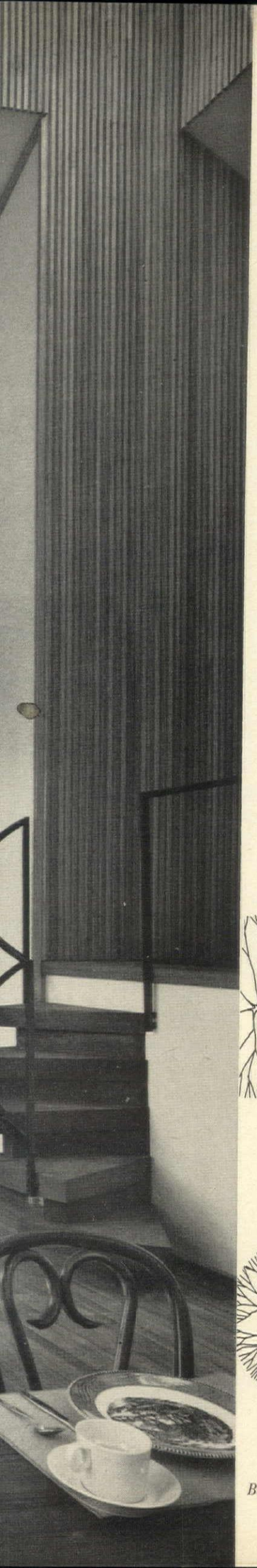
CYPRESS WALLS SUPPORT A CERAMIC ROOF

The front door, eventual joining spot for gallery to new annex.

The exterior and deck of the present house are of old cypress, a wood that weathers beautifully in the tidewater section of the mid-South. When untouched by finish or sealer, it develops a patina that has a look partly of driftwood, partly of mother-of-pearl. The roof is shingled in greenish gray ceramic tiles shaped like old hand-split shakes—pleasantly textured and as hard as flint.

Simple as geometry can make it, the house is beguiling because of its sloping roof which rises to a turretlike peak to frame a 5-foot-square skylight, slightly domed. There is no trim or contrast except, at balanced intervals, the glitter of floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors—quick access to the deck. This regular rhythm is broken in only one spot, the wall of the boy's bedroom, *above*, where the young man regards the world from one or the other of his bunk beds not through windows, but bronze ship's portholes—a dashing way for a 6-year-old to man the ship. (*Continued*)





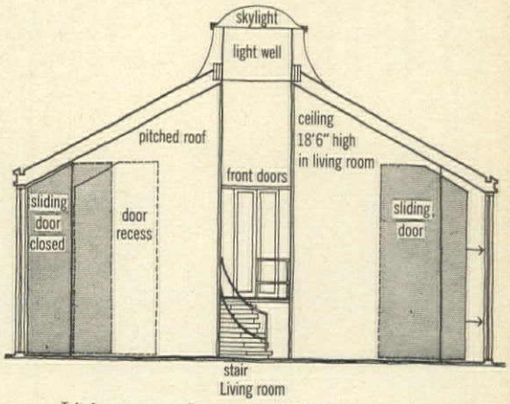
Exactly half the Jacobsen house is given to the living-dining room, a long lofty expanse saturated with light from its waterfront glass wall on one side, the skylight at its inner peak on the other (see section, *right*). Because of the sloping site, the other half of the house is on a higher level, hence the tiny circular staircase up to the entry hall, a passageway that leads to the front door and soars up to the skylight well. Here, walls are paneled in a striation of cypress strips attached to cypress plywood—a cabinetmaker's dream, finished only with wax.

Both the master bedroom and the kitchen are immediately adjacent to the living room (see plan, *below*), and may be shut off, or opened up, by great sliding doors surfaced with plastic laminate and shaped to fit the slope of the ceiling. Closed, the doors become virtual walls; open, they augment the sense of spaciousness.

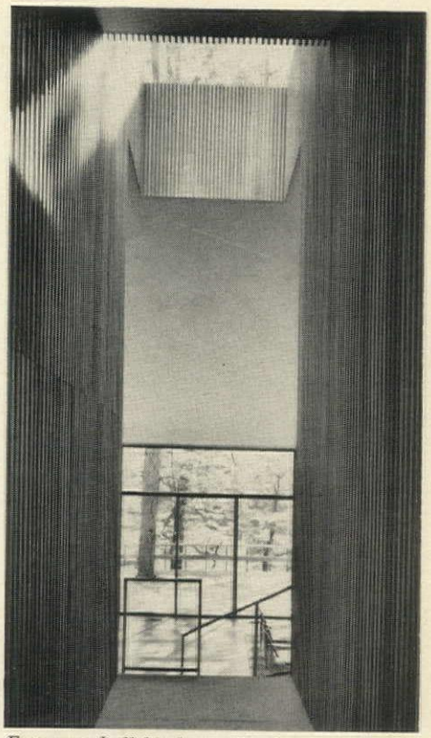
At the moment, the house is quite sufficient unto its needs. But when it has ceased to be so, the annex will be built—another pavilion which will be a reasonable facsimile of the main house, but less than half as big, half as high. A glass-walled gallery—an artery, in a sense, between parent and offspring—will connect the two structures. The addition will house another child's room, a good-sized guest room, a bath and additional storage.

Given the land to make it possible, such an annex would be a space-swelling asset to any house. But this one, planned since blueprint days, will have the same meticulous lines as its larger pilot, so the house, although built in two sections, will end up completely and generically all of a piece.

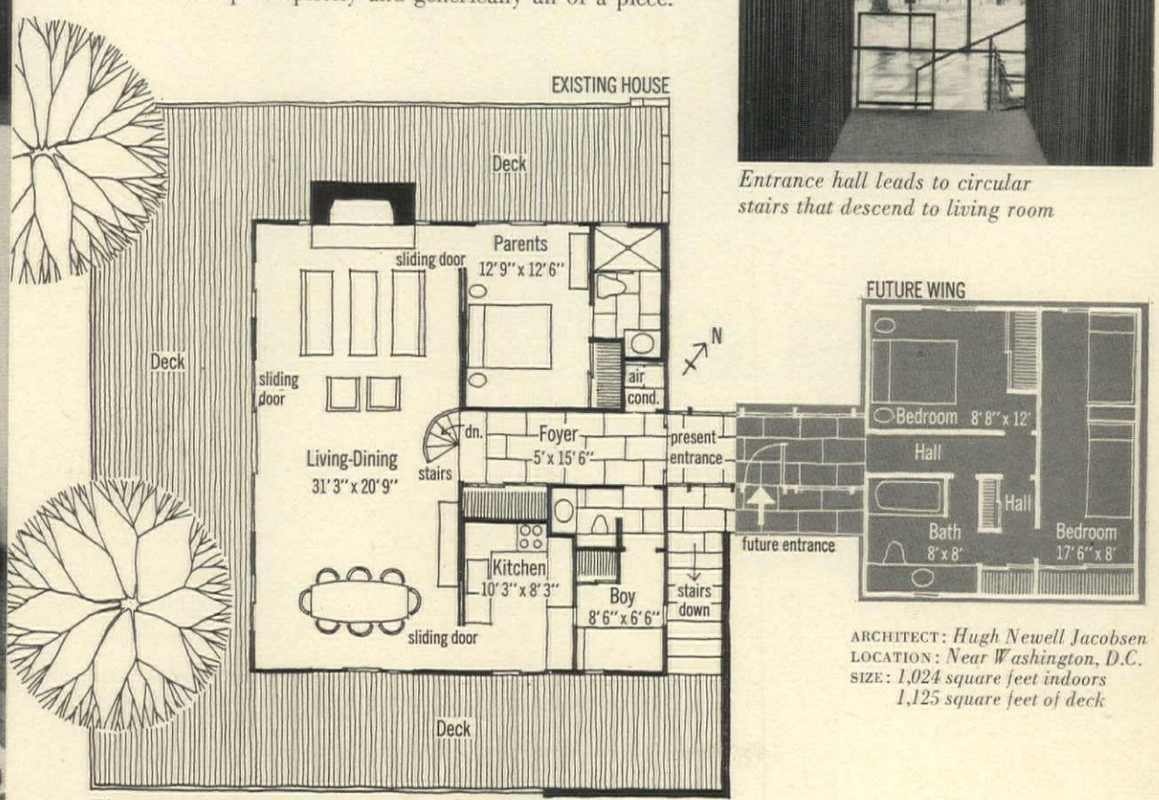
THE HOUSE SOARS UP TO A HUGE SKYLIGHT



Living room doors are like movable walls



Entrance hall leads to circular stairs that descend to living room



The plan: the present house at left; the annex-to-come, at right.

ARCHITECT: *Hugh Newell Jacobsen*
LOCATION: *Near Washington, D.C.*
SIZE: *1,024 square feet indoors*
1,125 square feet of deck

Black-and-white living room has a dark oak floor, a fireplace of creamy brick.

Five ways to solve

THE LONG-ROOM PROBLEM



GRIGSBY

A room that opens up around us as we step into it, that brims with light, that does not make us feel hemmed in is as gratifying in this crowded age as a lungful of fresh air. Yet, sometimes a very large room lacks form. Its furniture looks scattered and unco-ordinated. The atmosphere feels uncomfortably vacant, uncongenial, for space needs definition in order to be appreciated. A very large room, such as the foyer-living-dining rooms in so many modern apartments, can be much more useful when divided into a series of smaller areas; at the same time, the feeling of spaciousness can be emphasized rather than diminished. You can reshape an awkwardly long space quite simply, either by means of room dividers or by the way you arrange your furniture. You can make the divisions flexible enough to rearrange when you please, or to remove entirely when you want an unbroken sweep of space for a large party. And even though the room is partitioned by inner boundary lines, you can preserve the feeling of exhilarating spaciousness all around you.

Movable book columns divide an L-shaped space into three distinct rooms

The problem of the long room with unbroken stretches of wall was solved in this Manhattan apartment by a series of freestanding walnut book columns. Lined up in trios, they divide the large 29-by-13-foot L-shaped living room into three separate rooms—an entrance foyer, a library and a sitting-dining room. The columns, specially designed to fit the space, were screwed securely to the floor, then removable walnut blocks were wedged tightly into place at the top. Within each trio, the individual columns were spaced a few inches apart (so you can see between them and they look less massive), and the shelved sides were turned toward the central library area. At one end of this area, *opposite page*, two trios of columns, each pushed against a side wall, leave a doorway to the elegant little sitting-dining room, *above*, where their finished walnut backs make a smooth, simple wall. To distinguish between the sitting and dining areas, the dining alcove was wallpapered and (*Continued on page 136*)

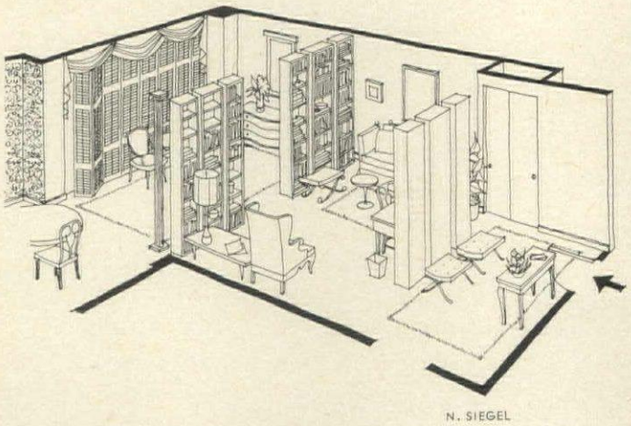


Two-face, two-way book columns compose see-through walls

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a plaster column was placed at the boundary line between them. At the other end of the library area, *left*, a single trio of book columns was centered between the side walls, leaving access on both sides to the foyer, *below*.

The library was simply furnished so that it would not look cluttered with bits and pieces, and since it does not receive much natural light, the color scheme was composed mostly of whites and sunny yellows. A wide desk pushed up against the single trio of book columns unites them, makes them look more permanent and gives a stronger definition to that end of the room. In the entrance foyer behind these columns, a boldly patterned rug turns the space into a distinctly separate room. Interior designer: Clell Bryant Associates.



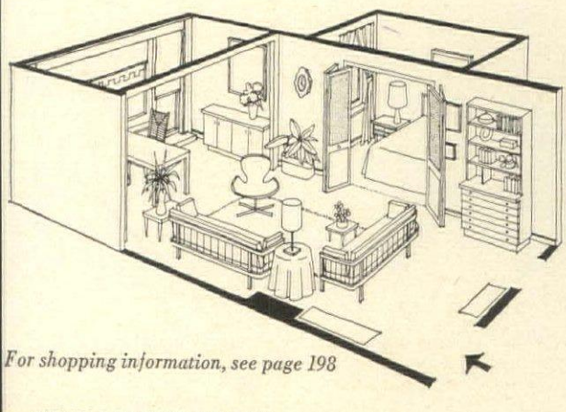
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Furniture arrangements and changes of color establish three living centers





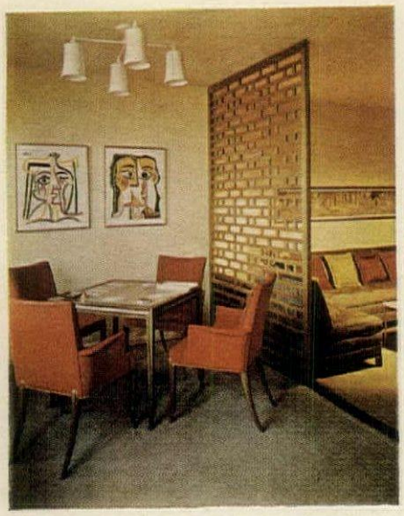
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In the case of a 1½-room apartment (the half-room a sleeping alcove), color changes and furniture make wonderfully effective dividers. In the T-shaped apartment, *left*, these two devices break up the 25-foot sweep, *above*, into an entrance foyer, a living room and a window-walled dining room. Two spindle-backed settees placed at right-angles create the conversation center, and the rug between them completes the demarcation of this center space. The dining area by the window is set off by a change of color scheme: H&G's Lemon Peel for the walls, the window shade and the striped cotton duck on the ceiling that matches the terrace awning. The stem of the T, *right*, was converted into a separate bedroom by narrowing the opening with wood paneling and adding folding doors. Settees and bookcases by Heywood-Wakefield. "Planktex" paneling by U. S. Plywood; folding wood doors by Panelboard.

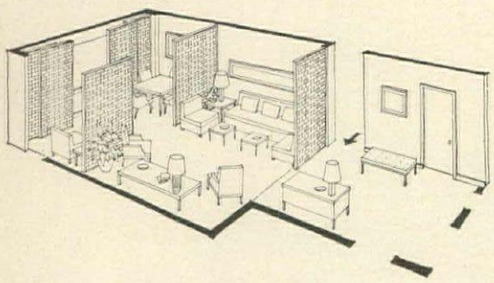


GRIGSBY

See-through panels mark off a room, yet preserve flow of space



An excellent device for reshaping a long, narrow room, without chopping it up into little boxes, is the wood grille such as those of pale walnut that punctuate the 40-foot living room in Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simons' Manhattan apartment. Since these grilles do not entirely block your view from one end of the room to the other, you can still appreciate its generous length. Yet the divisions are distinct enough to separate the space effectively into an entrance hall, a living room, *right*, and a game room, *above*. A matching grille across the window at the game room end breaks up an unprepossessing outlook, and together with the dividers gives the room architectural character. To keep the living room area from looking cluttered, it was furnished with banquettes which provide just as much seating as a series of separate sofas and armchairs. Interior designer: T. H. Robsjohn-Gibbings.





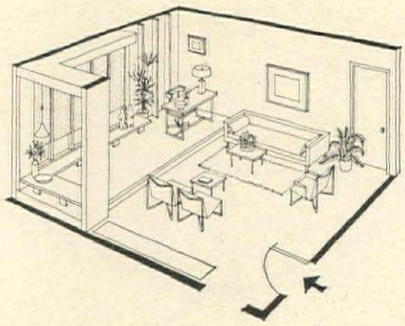
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A platform partitions space by creating a new level

A very large room can be divided simply and dramatically by creating a change of floor levels. The 18-by-25-foot living room, *opposite page*, was split into two parts by a 7-inch-high platform built across the end by the window. White ceramic floor tiles set off the platform from the dark parquet floor of the living room section, and mark off the space for use as an office-at-home or an informal dining area. (In a two-level room, contrasting floors are also advisable as a safety measure.) The window, a blank expanse of fixed glass, was screened with sliding teak-framed linen panels, and a teak bench was built in around one corner of platform (see sketch, *right*). But while the change of levels divides the space underfoot, the teak latticework overhead preserves full spaciousness of the room. Interior designer: Barbara D'Arcy for Bloomingdale's.

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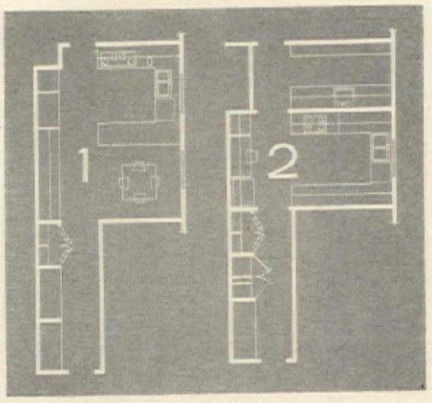


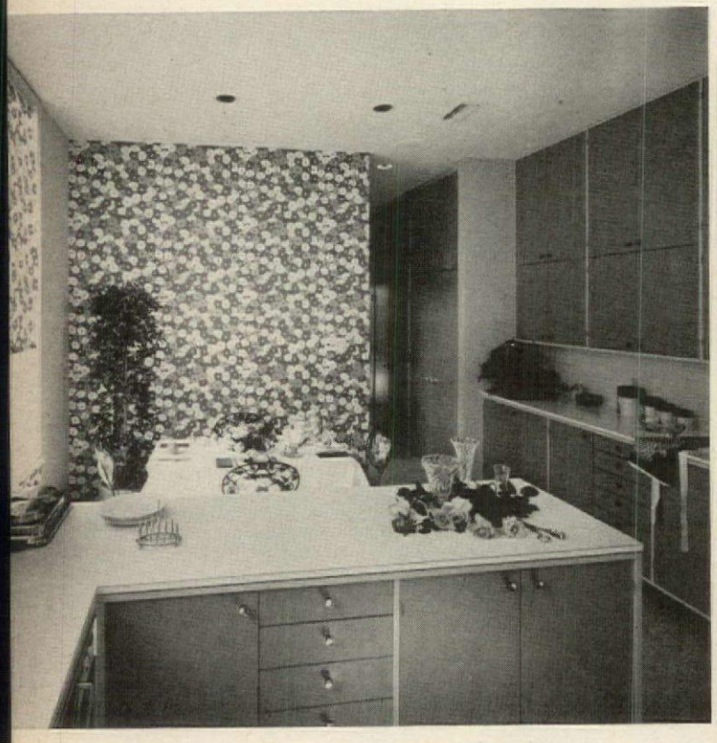


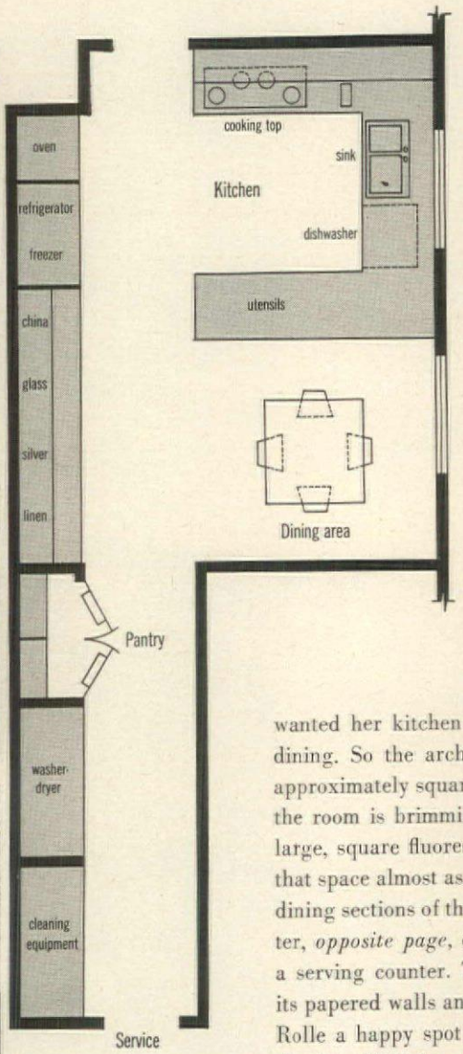
SAME SPACE: TWO KITCHENS

designed for personal patterns of living

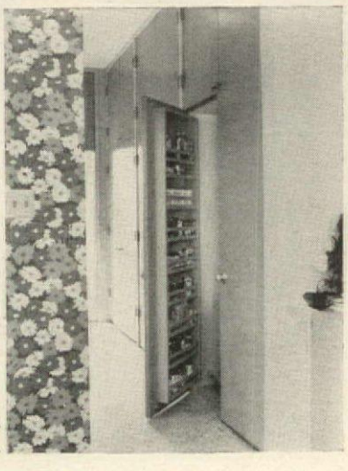
Whether labeled the crossroads of the home or the backbone of the family, today's kitchens come in as many shapes, sizes and personalities as the people who inhabit them. No longer restricted in scope to mere cooking, the kitchen, come of age, is perhaps the most individualistic room in the house. It may be the gourmet's domain, hung with the esoteric paraphernalia of the *haute cuisine*. It may be a family-room-kitchen that welcomes tots, teen-agers and guests—or a sophisticated, citified kitchen designed to pamper a treasure-on-salary. Pertinent examples of how a basic space can be arranged to suit different personal needs and tastes are these two kitchens carved from identical shells. Not only are they the same size (about 16 by 16 feet in main area), but they are located in two of a group of similar houses designed by architect Preston Bolton on a street in Houston, Tex. Although one has a lighthearted countrified look and the other is a sophisticated domain for cooking, both ably suit their owners' needs and clearly express their preferences in design and color.







Countertop cabinet separates dining and cooking areas



Inside a closet door, tidy shelves for canned food

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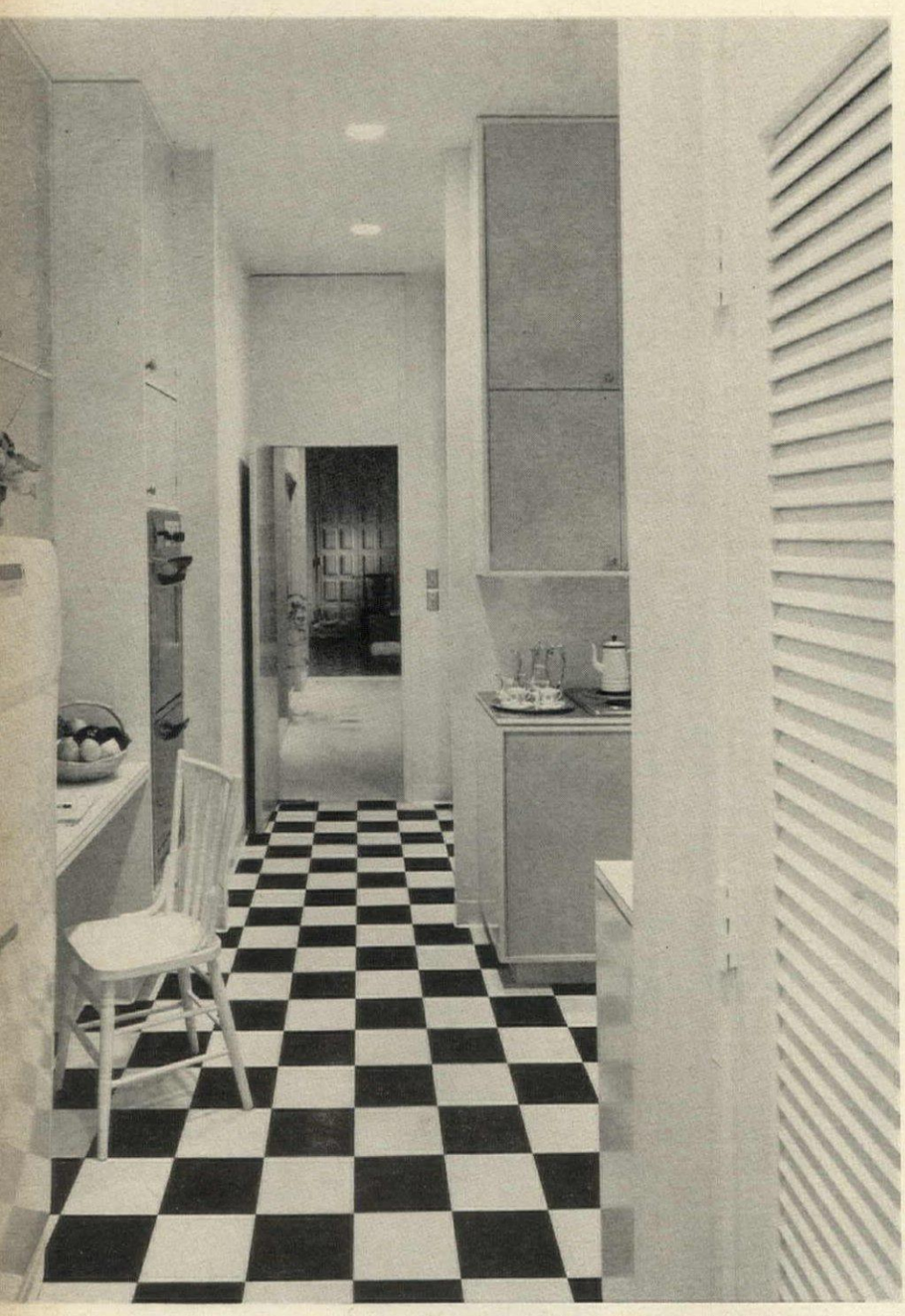
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A ROOM FULL OF LIGHT IMPARTIALLY SHARED BY COOKING AND INFORMAL DINING

Mrs. Richard Rolle, a young wife who likes to do her own cooking, wanted her kitchen to include a pleasant spot for informal dining. So the architect divided the Rolles' space into two approximately square areas. Each square has a window, hence the room is brimming with sunlight by day, and by night a large, square fluorescent fixture over the cooking area keeps that space almost as bright. No wall separates the cooking and dining sections of the room, but one arm of the U-shaped counter, *opposite page*, divides them visually and also is used as a serving counter. The cheery, countrified dining area with its papered walls and view onto the swimming pool gives Mrs. Rolle a happy spot for menu planning, telephoning and TV viewing. Both her kitchen and her neighbor's (page 142) have floor-to-ceiling storage cabinets, astutely organized with drawers, and both fixed and roll-out shelves as well as countertop ranges and wall ovens. Mrs. Rolle's stainless steel refrigerator is recessed flush with the long, windowless storage wall for dishes and linens, *opposite page*, common to both kitchens.

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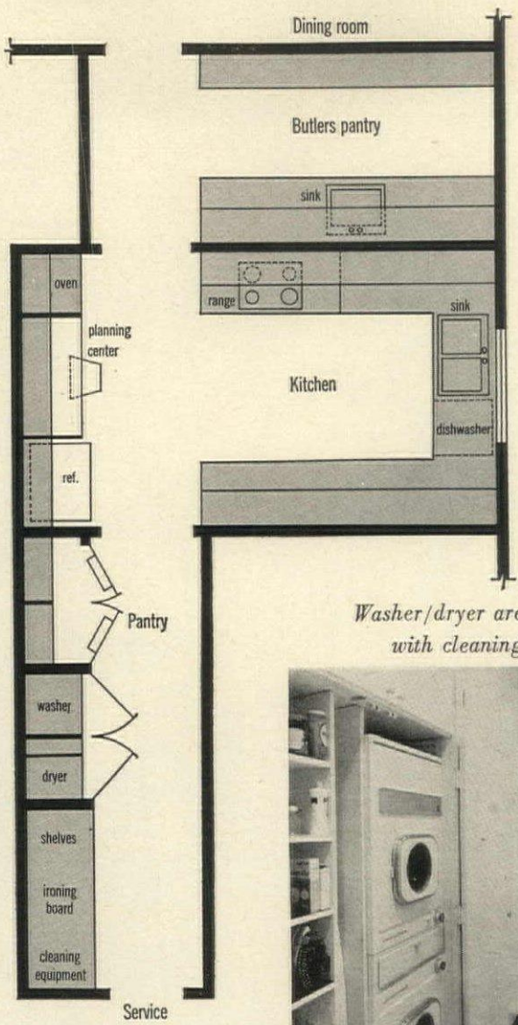


Planning center is across from cooking area



Butler's pantry has a compact wine storage rack

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Washer/dryer are closeted with cleaning supplies

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A CRISPLY FUNCTIONAL KITCHEN SOFTENED BY COLOR

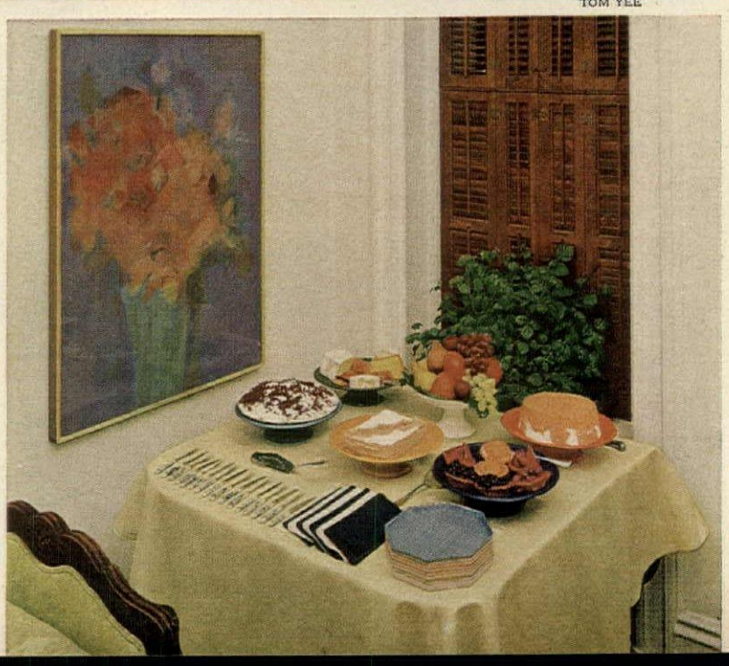
Mrs. Henry Gates Safford's kitchen, carved from the same basic shell as the Rolles', not only looks different, it *is* different. For Mrs. Safford, a widow who entertains frequently with large dinners, has a cook, and the kitchen is her domain. Likes the Rolles', the Safford kitchen has been divided into two sections, but in this case, the extra space was assigned to a butler's pantry. And since this side of the Safford house has an uninteresting view, a window was specified only in the cooking area (see plan, *above*) which is separated from the butler's pantry by a ceiling-high partition. The pantry (to the left of the clear traffic lane to back door, *left*) is a study in storage—drawers for linens and silver, cabinets for glass and china service, a counter to serve as a bar or for flower arranging, even a compact wine rack, painted to match the cabinets. Organized similarly to the Rolles', the cooking area, *opposite page*, is a U-shape, but facing it, instead of storage, Mrs. Safford has a simple, built-in planning desk where she can make out menus and confer with her cook. In the passage leading to the back door, *above*, a washer and dryer are stacked behind closet doors. The rich pumpkin color of the cabinets, highlighted by incandescent ceiling spots, gives this kitchen a cheery glow which compensates for its lack of a view.





TOM YEE





3 table setting wardrobes for 3 personal tastes

Your table settings can reflect your personality as clearly as your signature if you have the courage of your personal taste and build your wardrobe of china, glass, silver and linens accordingly. Collecting designs that particularly appeal to your eye may even lead you to re-tailor your party policy toward the kind of parties that suit you more naturally. And you will find yourself better prepared for them if you buy in quantity only what you will need in quantity, eschewing conventional assortments that include things you will never use. Starting here are three different table-setting wardrobes that might be assembled by three women whose patterns of living and entertaining differ as much as their personal tastes.

the Experimentalist

she is...

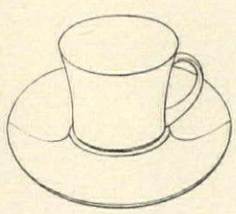
. . . a woman who enjoys the challenge of living in a cramped apartment or an awkward old house, and has the knack of turning every inch of space to attractive use. She has a flair for mixing wildly—informal travel finds, perhaps, with fine old inherited furniture. She collects paintings and sculpture by her friends. She prefers to give impromptu parties, and to seat her guests wherever space permits.

OPPOSITE PAGE:
To an indoor picnic, *top*, the Experimentalist can invite more friends than she could possibly make room for otherwise, and she sets the scene with bold color and off-beat props. Guests are seated on small cushions or a long sofa cushion covered with a huge fringed terry beach towel, and everyone is given a terry hand towel to use as a lap-wide napkin. With these, this hostess uses one of her favorite combinations: a pewter tureen teamed with white casseroles and china dinner plates in a new shape—a slightly raised center and concave rims. For a small seated dinner, *lower left*, she uses all the pewter she has—the tureen plus service plates and octagonal soup bowls—adding bright colored trays of plastic laminated fiber glass to be removed with the bowls. When she gives a dessert buffet, *lower right*, she mixes such unlikely mates as Meissen dessert forks and knives and the plastic trays. "Blanco" china and pewter plates from Block's "España" collection; "Williamsburg" sterling by Stieff; Bryce tumblers and goblets. Paintings by Robert Levering.

she needs...

. . . a set of basic dishes to provide a dominant theme plus a variety of serving pieces and accessories with which she can create a wide range of different and pretty effects.

12 plain white plates
4 pewter service plates
4 lacquer service plates
12 laminated plates for quick additions of color
2 six-piece sets of different dessert plates
6 coffee cups and saucers banded in blue and gold



4 pewter soup bowls
4 lacquer soup bowls
4 small wood bowls

A china coffeepot

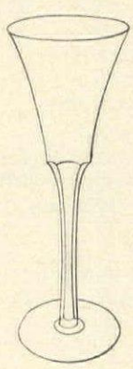


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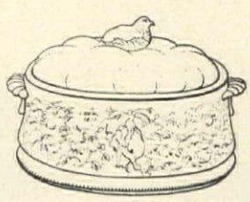
12 full place settings of silver
12 china-handled dessert knives and forks

12 large glass tumblers
12 small tumblers
Wineglasses in different patterns and colors, assembled in several sets of four

4 champagne flutes



A decorative casserole



A pewter tureen
2 uncovered white casseroles with warming stands

A big wooden salad bowl



6 lacquer compotes in assorted colors for cakes, desserts, cheeses

1 sumptuous, embroidered white tablecloth

An assortment of unconventional tablecovers of dress fabrics, patterned oilcloth
Assorted napkins

Inexpensvie candlesticks of natural turned wood



An armful of fake Mexican paper flowers for creating wonderful flowery effects in jig time, at a pittance

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the Naturalist

she is...

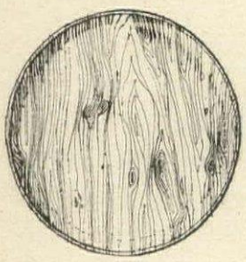
. . . a woman who thrives in the country and loves to spend as much time as possible outdoors. But when she must live in town, her apartment looks like a greenhouse, brimming with fresh flowers and flower-splashed fabrics. She wears good tweeds and cashmeres, prefers a like simplicity in her surroundings—spare contemporary furniture, polished floors brightened with a few vivid rugs. She loves contrasts of texture—rattan with the rich gleam of copper, for instance. And her entertaining has a natural flavor—flowers brought straight from garden to table (sometimes still in their pots or arranged informally in baskets), an array of home-baked breads, party foods that need no last-minute fussing.

she needs...

. . . a table-setting wardrobe geared to buffet dinners as well as informal little meals by the fire or on the terrace. So her collection is strong on plates and glasses in quantity, cookware pretty enough to be brought to the table.

12 dinner plates in a simple pattern

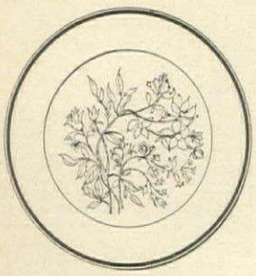
8 wood service plates



8 small wood plates for bread and butter

6 lettuce leaf plates

6 dessert plates, each with a different botanical design



6 copper au gratin dishes

12 cups and saucers

12 solid color mugs



12 full place settings of silver

12 extra teaspoons

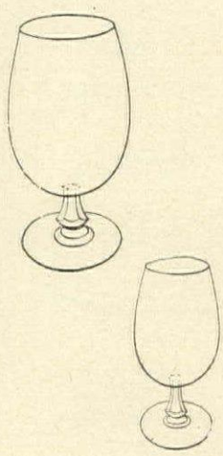
A silver tea set

24 ten-oz. (double Old-Fashioned size) tumblers

12 five-oz. (juice size) tumblers

8 big goblets for water

8 smaller goblets for wine



8 champagne glasses

A big ceramic pitcher for juice at a brunch or hot water at a tea party

A bean pot for buffets

Cook-and-serve copper casseroles

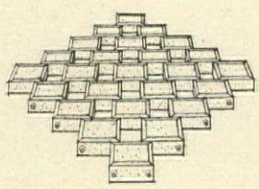
A twelve-demitasse copper coffeepot

Baskets for breads

12 fold-up trays on legs

Several tablecloths with simple, informal textures

Underplate mats of linked cork squares



A generous collection of napkins in assorted colors

Simple candlesticks

A latticework ceramic basket for flowers, fruit



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OPPOSITE PAGE:

By planning on buffet service for her larger parties, the Naturalist can invite a crowd, yet keep the mechanics simple and concentrate her efforts on creating a beautiful table. For a Sunday brunch party, *top*, she sets up the table at one end of the living room, covers it with bold Marimekko cotton. Her menu is simple: curried eggs and rice in covered casseroles, a big basket of assorted breads and plenty of coffee. For more intimate occasions, she sets the scene for a cozy supper by the fire, *lower left*, with fold-up tray tables arranged as individual place settings. Dinner plates in two shades of brown double as underplates for au gratin dishes, and the coffee is served in mugs. Now and then she gives a small tea party, *lower right*, that has all the freshness of a garden party. She mixes informal pieces with her elegant silver tea service, sets them out on a rattan table. Franciscan "Tahiti" china; Gorham "Classique" sterling place settings and tea set; Fostoria "Argus" glasses.





RUDY MULLER



TOM YEE



the Classicist

she is...

. . . someone who loves living in a modern apartment, high up, with a window wall framing a spectacular skyline view. Yet her rooms tend to have a traditional elegance—fine French and Italian furniture, fabrics in whites and soft beiges. She loves the classic beauty of roses all over the room, of sparkling crystal candelabra on the dinner table. Yet as a collector her taste runs to polar extremes—Dutch flower paintings and pop art, shells and antique crystal. Her parties are always small, planned with meticulous care, and guests seated at a sumptuously set table.

she needs...

. . . china and glass in smaller quantities than other hostesses since she prefers to give smaller parties. Yet her love of elegance prompts her to acquire the very best quality she can afford.

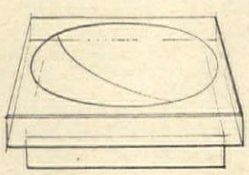
8 place plates with gold-patterned borders
8 gold-banded soup plates
8 gold-banded salad plates

8 gold-banded cups and saucers

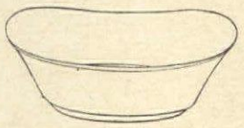


8 gold lacquer dessert plates
8 glass bread-and-butter plates

8 glass butter-pat dishes

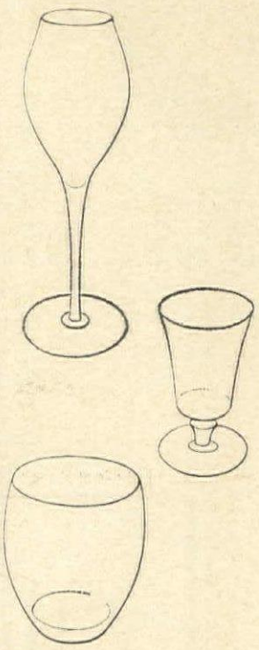


Gold-banded serving platters and vegetable dishes



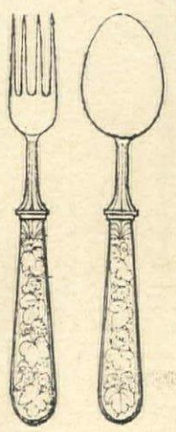
8 cut-glass water goblets
8 cut-glass wine goblets

8 tulip-shaped champagne glasses
12 plain cocktail glasses
12 double Old-Fashioned glasses



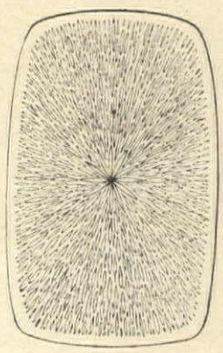
8 dinner knives and forks
8 luncheon knives and forks
8 salad forks
8 butter spreaders

8 porcelain-handled dessert forks and spoons

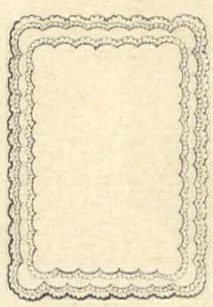


8 silver place spoons
8 teaspoons

8 place mats of thick, translucent, jewel-colored plastic that looks like cut crystal



8 scalloped place mats in creamy opaque colors

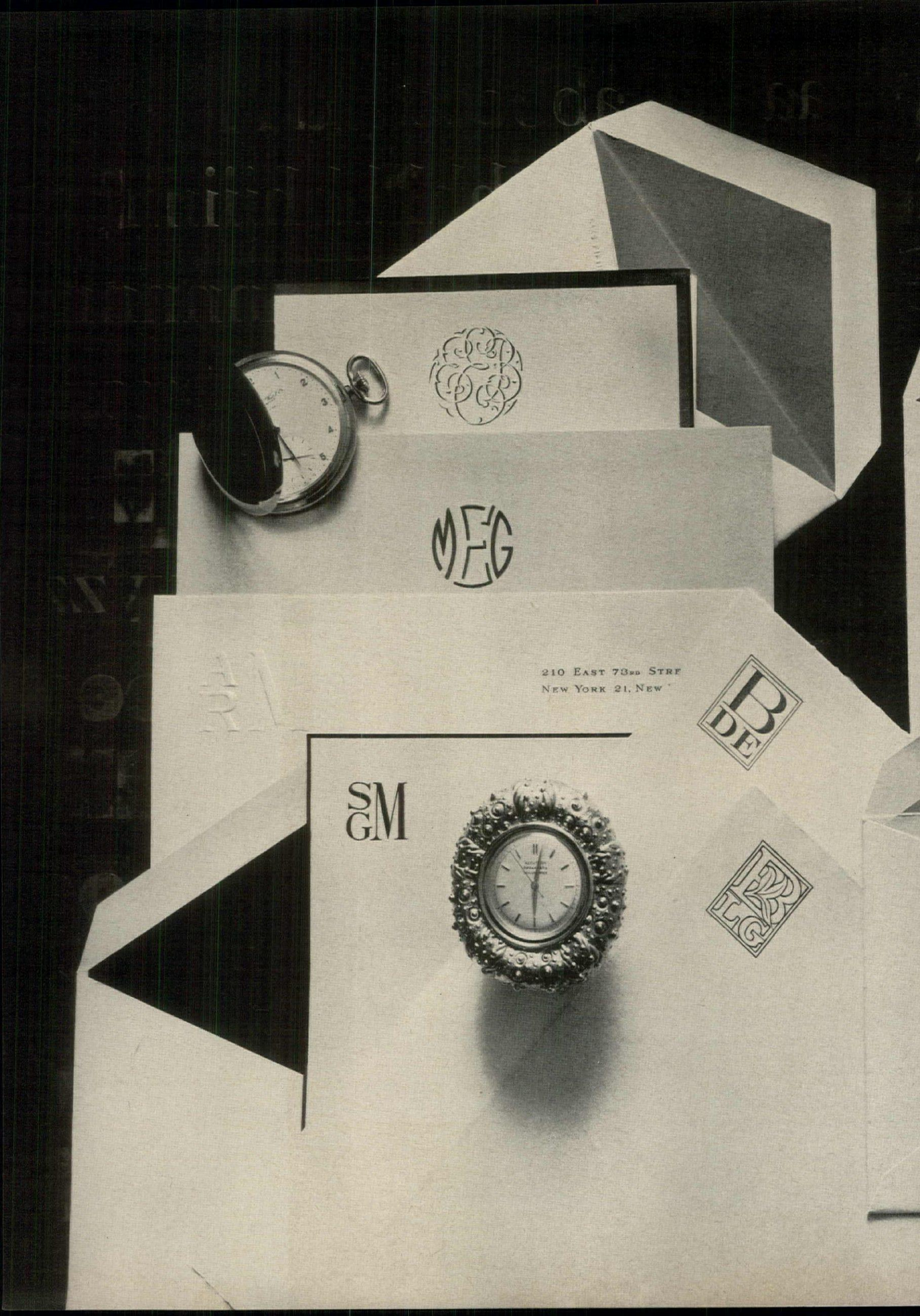


A few simple, solid-color tablecloths to use mostly for luncheons
White linen napkins
Colored napkins for accents
A collection of antique crystal
A collection of shells that double as dishes
Unexpected objects—as exotic as antique gold lacquer birds from Burma—that can be used as centerpieces

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OPPOSITE PAGE:

The splendid, seated dinner party for six or eight, *top*, is the Classicist's forte. She cooks the classic French fare herself, but has a waitress to serve, so the mood is always calm and elegant. Her crystal is concentrated in dazzling array on her glass-topped table. Additional crystal candelabra corralled from other parts of the house compose a shimmering backdrop in the window. For a luncheon party in the same room, *bottom*, the Classicist uses many of the same things to create a radically different mood. The glass table is covered with a pale pink cloth, replacing sparkle with a wash of gentle color. Various kinds of shells from the hostess' collection—used as soup bowls, bread-and-butter dishes, a flower-filled centerpiece—make a cool, creamy contrast to the gold-banded dinner plates. 'Tempo' and 'Eternal' china from Lenox's new "Dimension" group; "Legato" sterling by Towle; "Biarritz" crystal goblets and "Buckingham" wineglasses by Baccarat; place mats by Stotter; table by John Vesey.


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Monogramming Rx for writing paper



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A famous book of etiquette makes the observation that the only thing comparable to writing paper is a voice on the telephone. Apart from the obvious fact that both belong either to a man or a woman, both must stand alone, unsupported by human presence, and plead a cause. Half that cause, in the case of paper, is best pled by sternly skirting the flamboyant in color, texture and shape. The other half depends on the way the paper is marked.

To be pleasing and apt, a monogram or cipher should reflect its owner's personality via one subtlety or another, yet be easy to read (the unfathomable spider's-web type is as dated as the dodo), and suit its paper in scale, placement and style. The design, of course, may have a certain amount of zip, but it must never overwhelm. Today, happily, we enjoy more freedom of expression than we once did. Colors of borders and envelope linings are gayer, printing is bolder. We are also more inventive, as you can tell from the sheaf of papers at left—a series of co-ordinated duo's (this is where invention comes in) designed to be used in tandem by a husband and wife—or singly and as effectively by bachelor ladies and gentlemen—who have not forgotten the delicious joy of writing a good letter, well mounted.

STARTING AT UPPER LEFT: *Dove gray partners: hers bordered, his pristine; her envelope lined in brilliant orange, his quite plain. Round monograms: hers orange, white and embroiderish; his gray, white and straightforward. Saks Fifth Avenue.*
One step down, a pale blue team: the man's half sizable enough for an embossed cipher and an address printed in wine red; the distaff side sporting a wine monogram, border and envelope lining. Dempsey & Carroll.
Next, off-white paper for the gentleman, shell pink for the lady. Ciphers (gray for him, red for her) are the same except that she has a pretty little art nouveau motif woven through her B. Brentano's.
TOP OF NEXT COLUMN: *Dissimilar twins, but gay ones. Lower-case letters spell out her name, his initials. Her paper: faintly pink, fuchsia bordered with a fuchsia-lined envelope. His: brown engraving on brown-edged creamy paper that goes to the mailbox in a natty brown envelope. Bergdorf Goodman.*
Last of the quintet, for him or her: A decorous white card printed in gray pops into a yellow-lined envelope—sunny, but not skittish. Dempsey & Carroll. Accessories from Tiffany. *Shopping information, page 198.*

FURNITURE FINDS UNDER $50

All prices are rounded to the nearest dollar.

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Sturdy little end table of solid rock maple in a height handy for someone seated on a low sofa. Measures 28 by 22 by 22½ inches high. By Heywood-Wakefield.



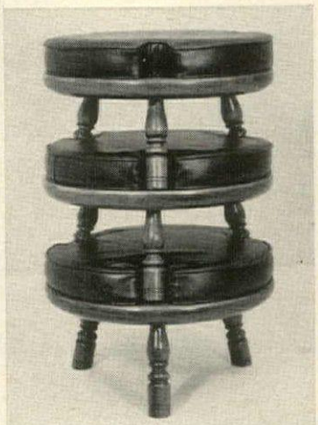
$40

Spanish-inspired bench with scrolled wrought-iron legs and a seat upholstered in Masland Duran vinyl. It is 17 by 22½ inches by 19⅛ inches high. By Kent-Coffey.



$35 EACH

Stacking stools in various finishes to buy singly or in quantity for extra party perches. Each 18 inches diameter, 10 inches high; topped with black leather cushion. By Thomasville.



$48

Miniature chest to sit prettily atop a desk or table. In mahogany or antique blonde finish. 14½ by 10½ by 14½ inches. By Edith Chapman*.



$50

Trim record cabinet with a drop front, partitioned storage, walnut finish. 22 by 16 by 23 inches. By Sanford.



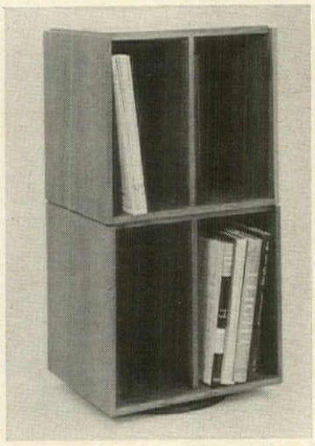
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Sinuously molded bentwood chair that would look marvelous in a clean-lined contemporary room. Fruitwood-finished frame, hand-woven cane seat. 30 inches over-all height. From Gump's.*



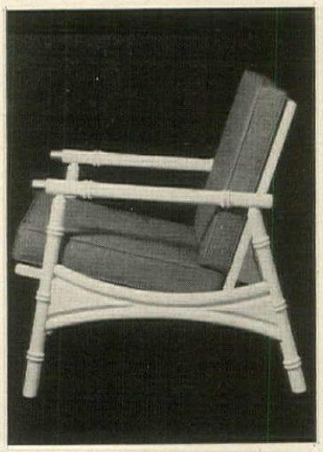
$48

Walnut cube for record storage that swivels around on its base and can be topped with a stationary, matching cube (for $42) to make a two-tier cabinet. Each cube is 16 by 13¾ by 14½ inches high. At Scarabeus, Ltd.*



$45

Comfortable chair for an informal room. White bamboo-turned frame, cushions in fabric or Boltaflex vinyl, many colors. 26½ by 30½ by 30 inches high. Bassett.



$35

Spare, slim chair of steel and black vinyl that can be stacked with its fellows, stored in a scrap of space. Weighs little. 20 by 22 by 30 inches over-all height. The General Fireproofing Co.



$20 EACH

Pert stool with swooping corners, a linen string seat. In mahogany, ebony or walnut finish. Measures 15 inches square. Scarabeus*.



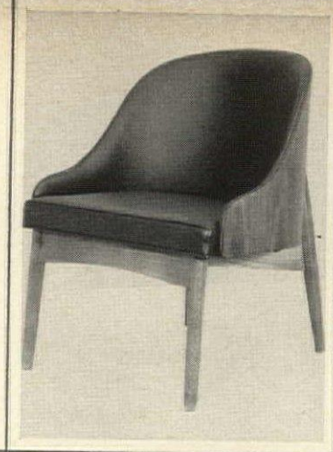
$43

Boston rocker with a black painted finish (or two wood finishes) embellished with flowery decorations. 24 by 17½ by 38½ inches over-all height. Made by Bernhardt.



$44

Low pull-up chair with a walnut plywood shell, black or gold Naugahyde upholstery. 25½ by 24½ by 28½ inches high. By Stanley Furniture.



$50

Roomy record cabinet that could also double as a living room end table. Comes in maple finish. 25 by 16½ by 21 inches high. Hammary.



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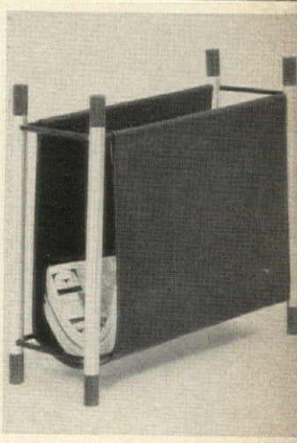
$49

Rolling bar cart that comes apart into two trays and a fold-up frame. Trays are reversible—black on one side, red on the other—and measure 19 inches diameter. From Designed for Living*.



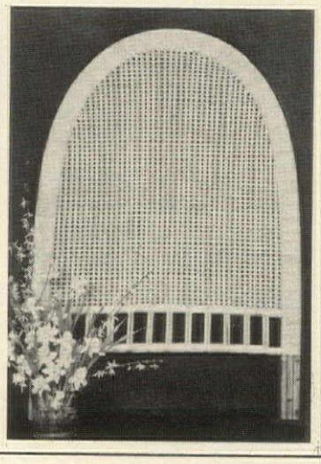
$25

Simple magazine rack of chrome and walnut slung with a strong length of leather. 18 by 6½ by 15 inches high. From Wilburt*.



$30

Clover-leaf-shaped cigarette table—an Early American reproduction. In several wood or painted finishes. 39 inches diameter, 16 inches high. Sprague & Carleton.



$33

Airy headboard of woven rattan peel for a youthful looking addition to a young girl's bedroom. Natural color. 39 inches at base, 58 inches high. At Hathore House*.



$39

Upholstered tub chair on a swivel base with a molded foam rubber seat to give comfort to an office-at-home. 26½ by 27 by 30½ inches high. Made by Baumritter.



$45

Game cube with a flip-over top that is a chessboard on one side, a cushioned seat on the other. Cube stores games, records, magazines. In walnut. 16 by 16 by 17 inches high. The Lane Co.



$50

Lordly armchair with a medieval air that would look well beside a library fireplace. Masland Duran black vinyl cushion and back. 24 by 18½ by 28 inches high. By Blowing Rock Furniture.



$45

hild's rattan chair that ould surely elicit a whoop joy from a budding astro- ut since it is as cocoon- e as a space capsule. 20 20 by 37 inches over-all ight. At Hathore House*.



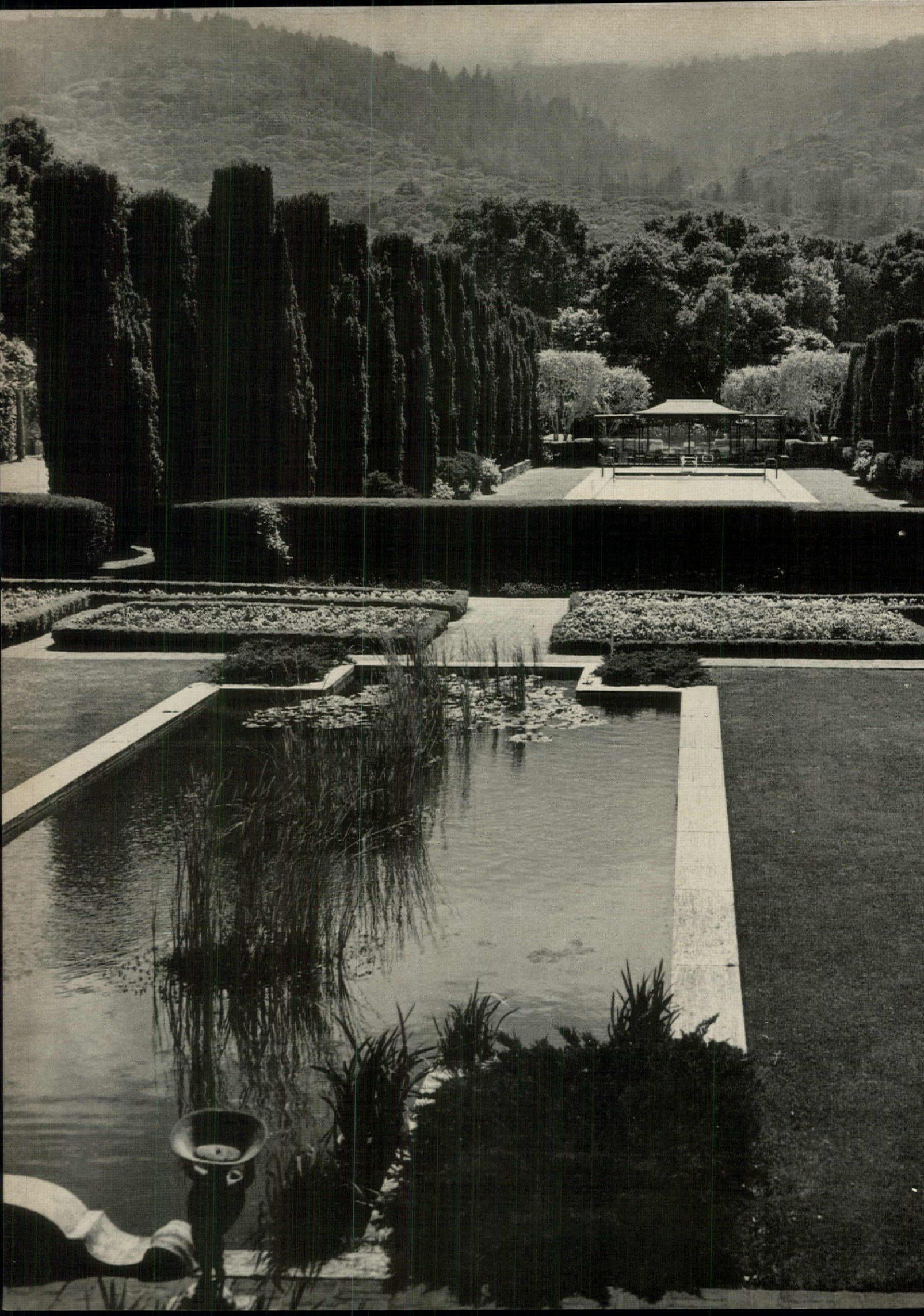
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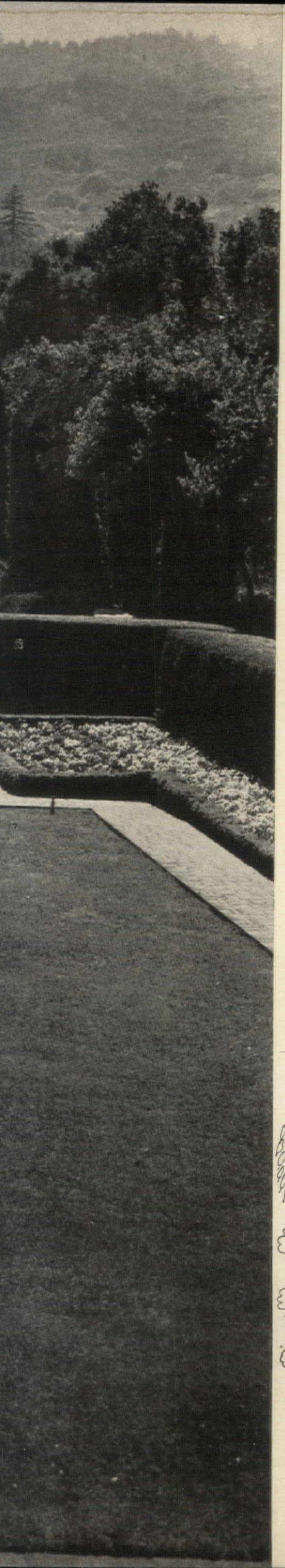
Slender, lightweight Danish teacart on wheels. Teak and oak. 25½ by 35½ by 24½ inches high. At Wilburt*.



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Three nested tables with walnut tops, steel legs — great party props. Each measures 15 by 15 by 17 inches high. Designed for Living*.





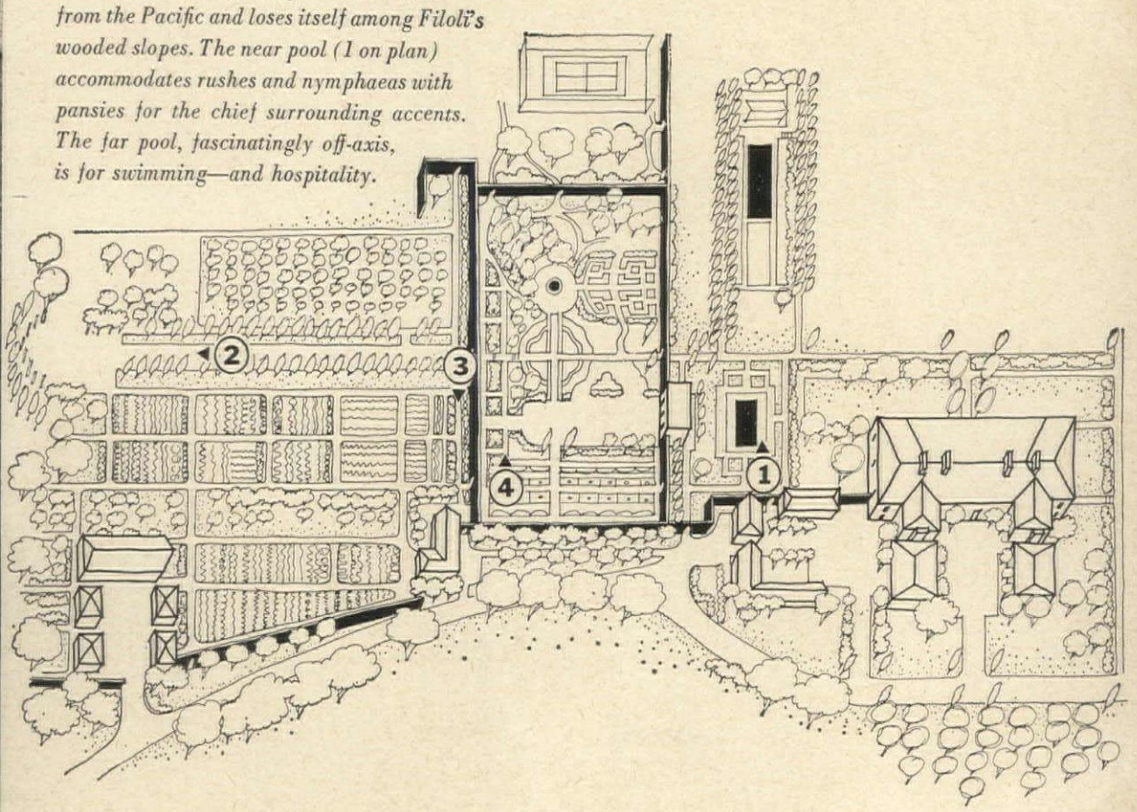
AN IMAGE OF TRUE LUXURIANCE

is reflected in every detail of a great California garden

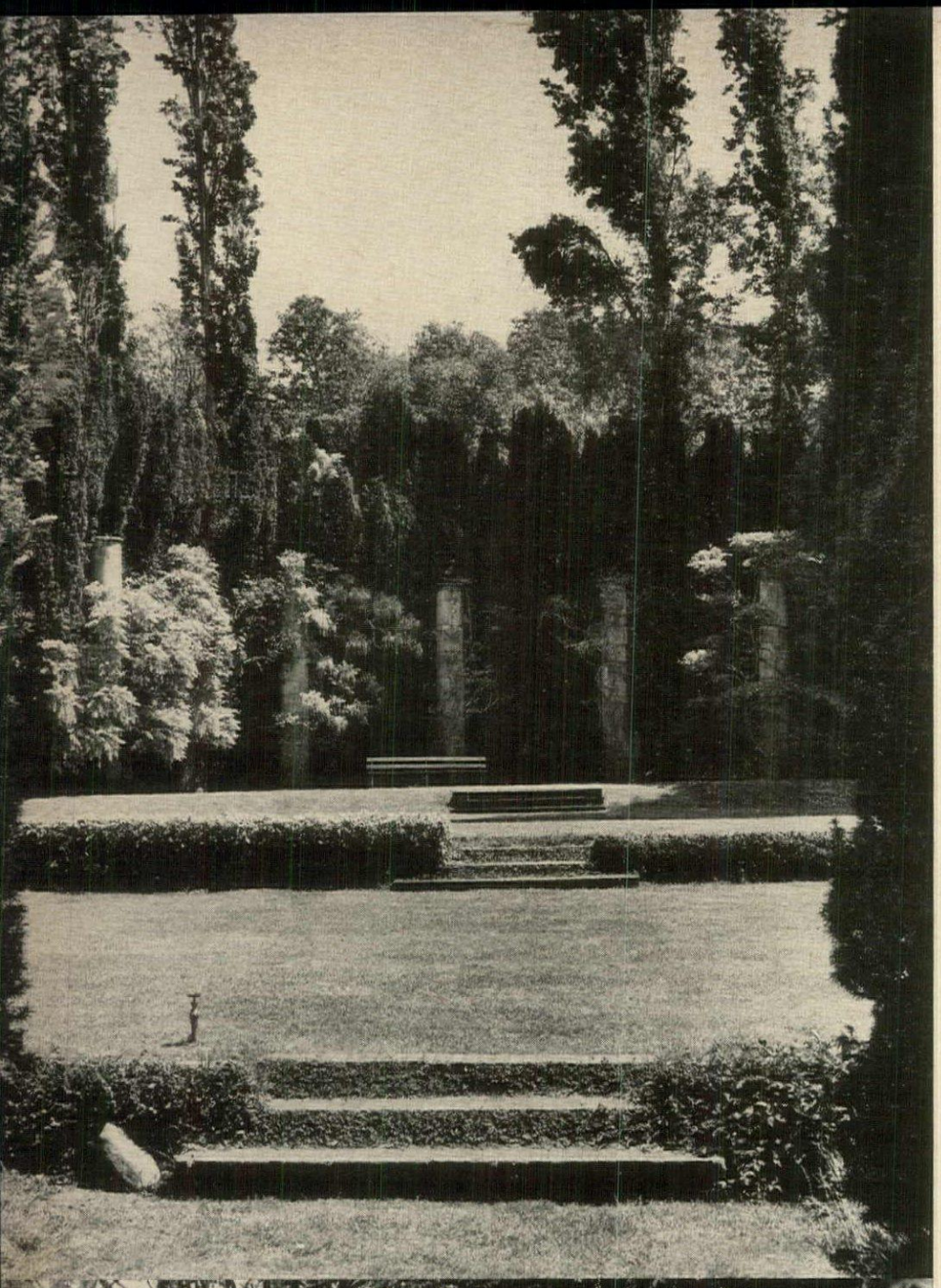
Luxuriance is not to be confused with mere luxury, for its frame of reference is first of all horticultural, then—and only then—architectural. It is the combination of the plants and the design that produces the style, even the panache, of any garden landscape that can safely be called great. The plan of the grounds at Filoli, the home of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Roth in San Mateo, Calif., was laid down almost forty years ago, and the enrichment of all the sixteen acres of formal gardens, terraces and orchards has continued ever since. The basic elements of the design are still apparent, as are their essentially classic and classically simple origins, *below*. But the lines of paths, walls, panels and parterres have softened in the intervening years. It is, of course, the plants that have softened and mellowed them—sharpening a structural detail here, smudging another one there—as is the immemorial way of growing plants. From time to time new structures have been added, sometimes to delightful effect as when a swimming pool, *opposite page*, was built off-axis by half its width from the line of a nearby reflecting pool.

While the perennial luxuriance of the smaller plants changes with the seasons in color, form and texture within the principal confines of the plan, the great trees change only in the elegance and beauty that accrue to them with the help of time and loving care. From the beginning until her death a few years ago, Miss Isabella Worn was in charge of the planting and plants. Her devotion and that of her successors have never flagged.

The afternoon fog creeps over the hills from the Pacific and loses itself among Filoli's wooded slopes. The near pool (1 on plan) accommodates rushes and nymphaeas with pansies for the chief surrounding accents. The far pool, fascinatingly off-axis, is for swimming—and hospitality.



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Fabrics of flowers and foliage clothe the plan's geometry

First you have a plan, then you hide it with an oversupply of ebullient plants: This seems to be axiomatic in the most successful gardens. Actually, of course, you do not hide a good plan—you build upon it. And you do not hide it by overplanting—you give it richness and variety by selecting the right plants for the right location, then growing them to the hilt. While there is an optimum planting interval for almost every plant, proper spacing is not enough for really superior effects. Superb culture is what makes the difference. Overlay the gentle patina of age on the elements where age is at all important and you may—you just may—have a garden like Filoli.

As in all fine gardens of similar dimensions and effectiveness, the variety of individual plantings is enormous. Cutting beds, vegetable rows, small fruit and orchard areas, wild-flower plantings, vines and espaliers, parterres and special patterns, lawns and of course trees of every type and size are all included. Under the mellowing hand of time (not to mention the hand of skilled and attentive gardeners) the conceits or improvisations of design are brought into easy compatibility with one another. Even the myriad seedlings and transplants that are set out periodically as seasons or ideas change all seem to adapt themselves to the gracious and abundant manner of growth that characterizes the permanent plants. The original inspiration for many of the design elements becomes obscured or lost, but their beauty (like that of the topless columns, *above left*) grows with the plants that accompany and embellish them.

The luxuriance of its plants is Filoli's hallmark, whether in a foaming tumble of wisteria that adorns anonymously ancient columns ABOVE LEFT *(2 on plan), or in 200 running feet of white iris,* LEFT *(3), that lean over a path or in box-edged blankets of ranunculus (4) that lie in soft shadow beneath the live oaks,* OPPOSITE PAGE. *Mild winters, cool summers and daily Pacific fogs (plus a way with a hose) seal the glory.*





GRIGSBY

The house that pop art built

Glass walls, muted colors and antiques play a quiet obbligato to the big beat of pop art

BY FRANCINE DU PLESSIX GRAY

Large glass areas limit indoor wall space for paintings, but house abounds in places for sculpture. At left of pool terrace: Karoli sculpture made of sprayed and painted paper cups.

When the Leon Kraushars drew up plans for their new house in Lawrence, N.Y., some five years ago, they agreed on one point: They both wanted to get away from the conformist ranch-style look which they felt was dominating suburban architecture. Mrs. Kraushar, who has a larger margin of nostalgia for tradition than her husband, admits that it took her some months to be reconciled to the uncompromising modernism that her husband had chosen to build in.

Mr. Kraushar, a sagacious and kinetic New York insurance man, describes his tastes as "not modern, but supramodern." He is a man with a rigorous disdain for the past and a stubborn enthusiasm for every new feature of the contemporary American scene. He is strictly a "Big Beat" man who considers jazz as passé and as dead as abstract expressionism. He has never had any desire to go to Europe, which he considers "stale, dead, antique-y." He even detests traveling outside of his native New York, which he is convinced is the world's only exciting, alive city. And, using the vernacular of his vocation, he says he is "101½ per cent sold" on pop art—he simply cannot look at any other form of painting. Since his wife is "99 per cent sold" on pop art, it is mathematically inevitable that the collection hanging on the walls of the Kraushars' house should consist 100+ per cent of pop art.

"The decor of the house is completely my wife's doing," Mr. Kraushar says: "I have no interest in decoration. I came in later, with the paintings—they're the only part of the decor that interests me."

The decor, therefore, was left up to interior designer David Barrett, and the decisions, to Mrs. Kraushar, who feels that most contemporary houses are too feminine as well as too conformist. She says: "I wanted my house to be elegant without being overdressed, luxurious without having any satins or brocades in it. I never did enjoy a 'pretty' look in either furnishings or clothes. I prefer the tailored and the casual. Our house is very much lived in: We have two grown boys who bring in a steady flow of friends. So for the upholstery I chose practical, sturdy, undressy materials: corduroys, tweeds, linens, furs. But I also wanted a few antiques to add warmth to the ultramodern style of the architecture. The doors of our entrance, for instance, are from Czechoslovakia. The four chairs around the card table in the living room are genuine Louis antiques. Many of my friends, when they first came into the house, thought these were Spanish. But all over the continent, after all, there is the same old-fashioned way of carving. Among my favorite antique touches are the headboards in the master bedroom. They're made from balcony railings which our decorator brought back from Italy."

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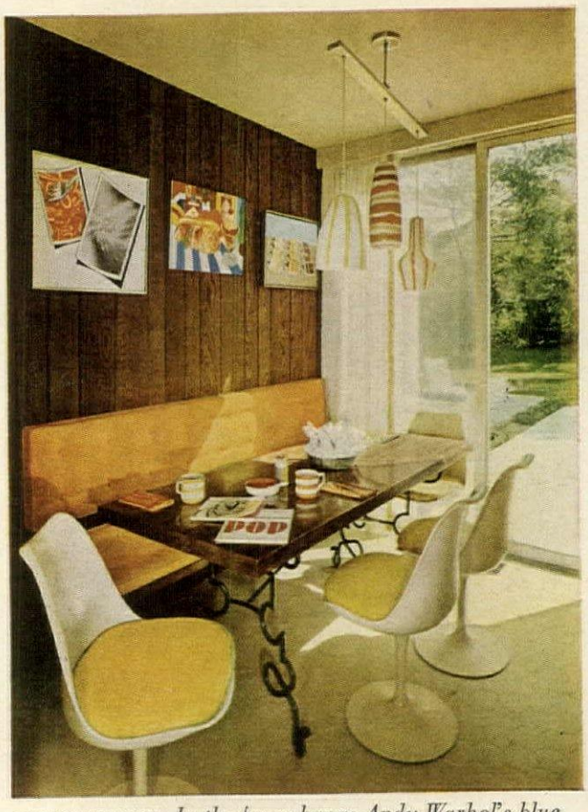
In the living room, the traditional parquet floor, black leather Louis XIII chairs, Early American barrel-back chair and Moroccan rug offset supramodern coolness of pop art. From left, Andy Warhol's "Brillo Boxes"; Roy Lichtenstein's "We Rose Up Slowly"; Andy Warhol's "Daily News" and Jim Dine's "Black Bathroom."


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ABOVE: *Mr. Kraushar has discovered that pop art in the dining room is an aid to dieters. On the left wall, Roy Lichtenstein's "Ball of Cord," John Fisher's "Bread and Bombs," Claes Oldenburg's "Plate of Meat." On right wall, Andy Warhol's "Soup Cans" above Bob Watts' "Box of Fruit." More Oldenburgs on table: "Soup and Crackers" and "Piece of Cheesecake." In room beyond, Chamberlain's "Wild Root" and Lichtenstein's "Composition Book."*
RIGHT: *In dining area of tile-floored kitchen, banquette and chair cushions are covered in vinyl. Paintings are by Rosenquist, Wesselman, Thiebaud.*
BELOW: *Study is television-viewing center for family and doubles as guest room. Decorator David Barrett designed the niches especially for Mr. Kraushar's collection of primitive sculpture. Paintings, beginning at upper left, are by Johns, Dine, Pollock, Lichtenstein and Wesselman.*





OPPOSITE PAGE: *In the foyer hangs Andy Warhol's blue "Multiple Image of Rauschenberg" over a Kusama sculpture made of cotton stuffing and next to Robert Rauschenberg's "Stop." On the dining room wall, Robert Indiana's "Big 8." The dining room chairs are covered in beige pony skin.*


ONE WAY
STOP
8



At top of broad steps leading to front door is a planter bed in Japanese rock-garden style. Aluminum sculpture, "Totem," is by Bill Tarr.

Mr. Kraushar's enthusiasm for pop art is so infectious that his wife sacrificed a dressing table for Wesselman's painting "The Great American Nude." "I had wanted something way out for the master bath," Mrs. Kraushar says: "and I was planning a huge, beautiful dressing table. But when Mr. Kraushar walked in with that nude, there was only one place for her, so I went without a dressing table. I love that painting because it shows a woman looking the way women look here, today, in America, not fat and old-fashioned like Renoir's nudes. She is truly contemporary."

The story of Mr. Kraushar's new art collection is one he enjoys telling: "While I was planning this house with architect William B. Lichtner, I decided to get a few paintings. It seemed to be the thing to do; everybody else was doing it. So I built up a collection of European and American contemporaries: Hartung, Dubuffet, Manessier, Bombois, Derain, the whole Cobra school, Sam Francis, Alexander Calder, Louise Nevelson, Jackson Pollock. Collecting became a big thing in my life. I had never set foot in a museum until four years ago. Up to that time, since I don't ski or play cards or golf, I had nothing to do on weekends but stay at the office and work some more. Now, visiting galleries, reading the art periodicals has become my life on weekends. I subscribe to every art magazine there is. Summers are terribly lonely: The art publications dwindle so I have to reread the back issues.

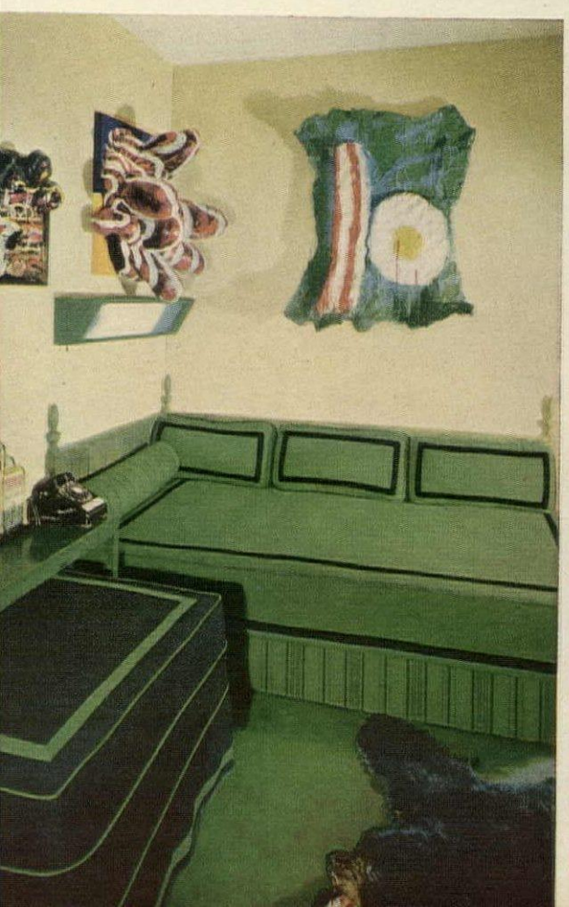
"One day, two or three years ago, I read in "Art Voices" about the Castelli Gallery, and I went there the following Saturday. That is when I became addicted, unequivocally hooked by pop art. The two works which caught my attention that first day were a Jim Dine painting of an automobile tire and a Lichtenstein of a woman's hand holding a sponge. These paintings put me into a state of shock: I went home to my collection of abstract canvases and they did not satisfy me anymore. I returned to Castelli's two Saturdays later and the painting of the tire was sold. I was terribly disappointed, but I bought the Lichtenstein canvas of the ball of cord now hanging in my dining room—my first piece of pop art. Then I sold all my other paintings, lock, stock and barrel. I kept only one: the Jackson Pollock hanging in the den."

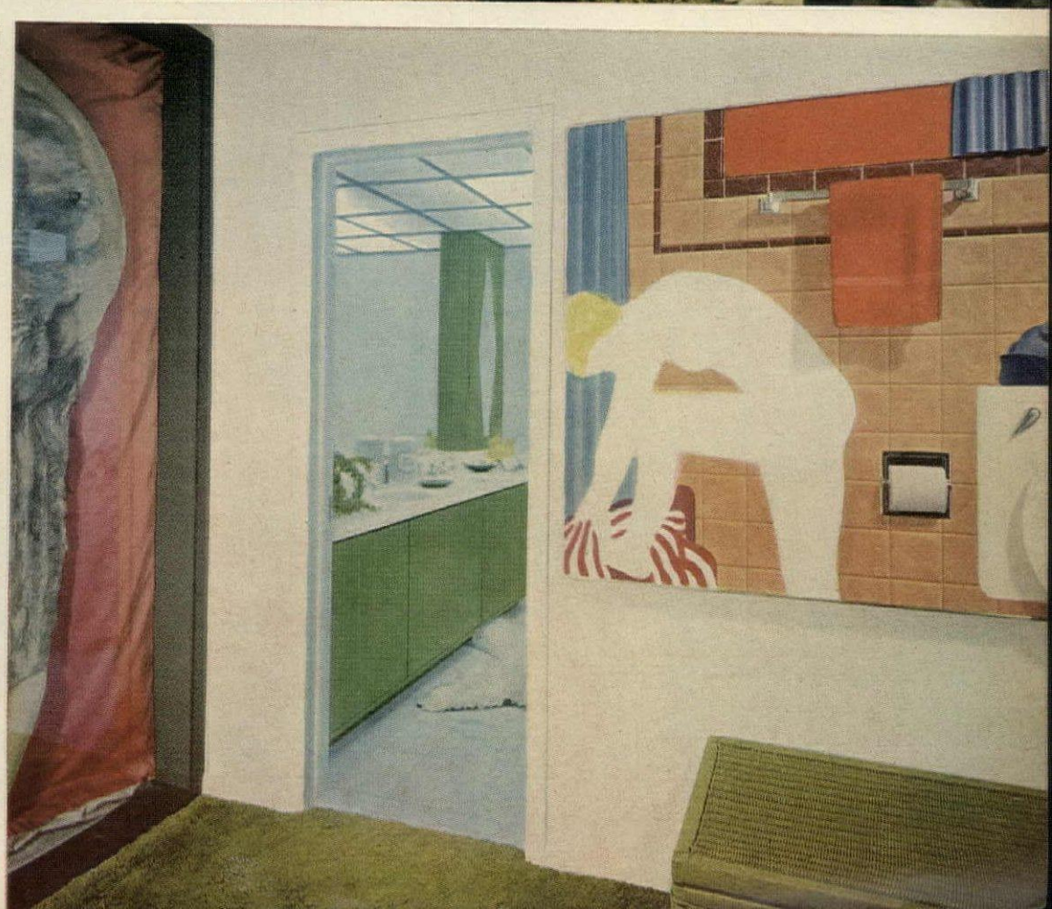
"I went on to buy works by all the other pop artists you see in my house, Rosenquist, Lichtenstein, Wesselman, Oldenburg. Now I have some fifty pieces of pop art and I own more Oldenburgs than any other collector—nineteen of them. Pop art is my way of life, my addiction, and I enjoy being hooked. I love pop art because it shows the life we live today. It's not the past, it's not history, it's my life, the life *I* am living. It's the American landscape, with its billboards, its highways, its hamburgers, its filling stations, its wonderful consumer goods. When I go to the supermarket, I see Brillo boxes just like the ones by Andy Warhol in my foyer, and when I come home, this makes (*Continued on page 216*)



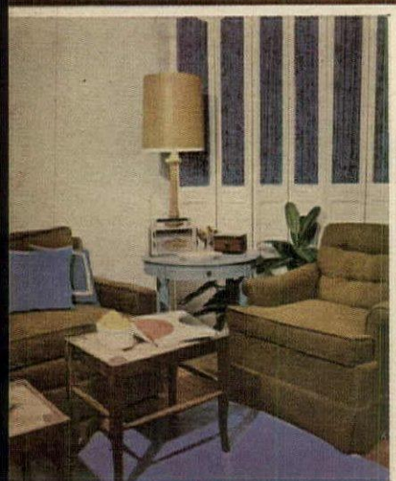
LEFT: *Both Kraushar sons, aged 22 and 16, are pop art enthusiasts. Hanging over the older son's bed is a large painting by Birillo; works at right are by Cy Twombly and Roy Lichtenstein. Ottoman converts into bed for overnight guests; African drums serve as tables.*
OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: *In the master bedroom, forged iron headboards made from Florentine balcony railings are the only concession to Mrs. Kraushar's taste for tradition. Painting on left wall is Lichtenstein's "Frightenedness." Three Warhol paintings above beds are titled: "Jackie," "Elizabeth," "Marilyn."*
LOWER LEFT: *Younger son's room also has a convertible ottoman for guests. The three reliefs are by Claes Oldenburg.*
LOWER RIGHT: *In the dressing room next to the master bath, Tom Wesselman's "The Great American Nude," painted on tile.*







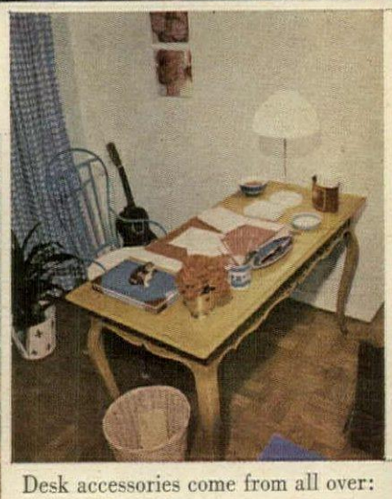




A personal touch: tape home-sewn on ready-made sofa pillows.

Everything here including cart was discovered at the five-and-ten.





Desk accessories come from all over: United States, Italy, Japan, India.



A YOUNG COUPLE'S FIRST LIVING ROOM

The rewards of a small budget with a big plan, a blithe spirit directed by a disciplined eye



GUERRERO

An open shelf arrangement that includes books, plants, favorite bibelots and art breaks up the monotony of the long wall.

◀ Screen fabric may be laundered, replaced; cotton bandana print covers chair cushions.

THE PRINCIPAL INGREDIENTS: Rugs, fabrics, lamps, teacart, radio, record player and all decorative accessories from F. W. Woolworth; upholstered furniture by Broyhill, wrought iron by Gallo; shelf units by Hamilton Cosco; window shades by Illinois Shade Co.; Martin-Senour "Provincial Color Glaze Kits"; screen frames by Joanna Western Mills. Hardwood parquet flooring by E. L. Bruce. Shopping information on page 198.

The first rule in decorating, never to be flouted: the smaller the budget, the more important the plan. A dynamic plan starts with a chart of measurements and flexible requirements, turns after comparison shopping into a list of possible purchases, then narrows down to a true prospectus when possibilities have been weighed, discarded or accepted. Each step is vital, but none more vital than an imaginative wide-awake taste that goes into action while shopping—the selective eye. This is the eye that can sweep over acres of low-priced merchandise, much of it mediocre or banal, and light on the scattered treasures: good mass market design, imports, objects with a handmade look, successful copies of more expensive items. A companion talent is the gift for personalizing, an ability to get big effects in small ways—with a fringe on the window shades, perhaps, or a shelf of amusing pitchers.

To prove the validity of this philosophy, H&G furnished a young couple's first living room for less than $1,500. The largest portion of the budget, close to $600, was allotted for wood furniture, bought unfinished. The upholstered furniture cost about $400, and the metal pieces, including the shelf units, came to under $200. The remaining $300 covered everything else—the rugs, the fabrics, the lamps, dishes and bibelots, radio and record player, even the plants—all of which we discovered on the opulent counters of Woolworth's.

We planned the color scheme of red, yellow and blue for two reasons: simple practicality (appealing decorative objects are easiest to find in these primary colors) and exuberance (they have an elemental appeal especially refreshing when one of them—in this case the yellow—is off the pure hue). The largest stretches of wall were painted H&G's Snow. Lesser wall areas are Curry, repeated in the made-to-measure window shades of "Calcutta" jute. Ultramarine Blue appears in the fabrics, the rug, the dining table top and many accents.

Typical of so many modern apartments, the room has two parallel unbroken walls some 20 feet long. One was diminished in length by a central furniture arrangement: the upholstered furniture and rug, completed at one end by the desk. The facing wall was welcomed as a kind of empty canvas to be filled in with open shelf units that became the key of the room's personality. In another manipulation of space, unfinished wood screens, painted and hung with fabric panels, were placed to define the dining area and to hide a closet door and a beam.

We decided to buy unfinished furniture, partly because of its comparatively low price, but even more because painted accent pieces (the do-it-yourselfer's shining opportunity) add so much sparkle and individuality to a room. The well-made, hand-detailed lamp table, the desk in Louis XV style, the dining chairs and lumberyard dining tabletop, were all colored and antiqued with "Provincial Color Glaze Kits." These include paint, wiping glaze, brush and instruction book—all you need to achieve a rich finish with a custom-crafted look.

Furnished with these basic necessities the room would have been comfortable and pleasant. But its highly personal flavor derives from the dozens of discoveries made by the selective eye and from the only things that cost nothing but talent, time and labor—the young wife's own paintings.

For the kitchen of this apartment, please turn to page 200.



It takes proper wiring–
a vital artery in the
anatomy of a house–to reap

The rewards of ELECTRICAL

POWER

The wonderful world we live in is certainly the more splendid for Ben Franklin, his key, his kite and his leashed lightning. Electricity is our magic, and given enough of it, life—as far as running a house is concerned—can be pretty slick. Our only setback comes when technology plays hare to the tortoise of what used to be considered adequate wiring. In far too many of our houses today, life between blown fuses does no credit at all to Poor Richard's acumen, nor to ours. In 1955 we had the seemingly heady choice of fifty-six major and minor appliances to set our households bristling with robots. Today, we can draw from over 166 mechanical servants and in five more years heaven only knows what the total will be. Yet only two out of ten houses have more than just enough power to run simultaneously the most familiar and necessary appliances—washing machine, dishwasher, TV—without someone's running to the fuse box, flashlight in hand. So what of the newer devices?

What you can have in a properly wired house

Nevertheless, some houses today are so beautifully wired their occupants cannot only turn on everything they own simultaneously without going up in smoke, but, via the good old pushbutton, lie in bed and turn on everything from a garden fountain outside the bedroom window to the revolving floor in the garage—an indulgence for people who don't like to back out. These are mighty fancy tricks, but they are possible.

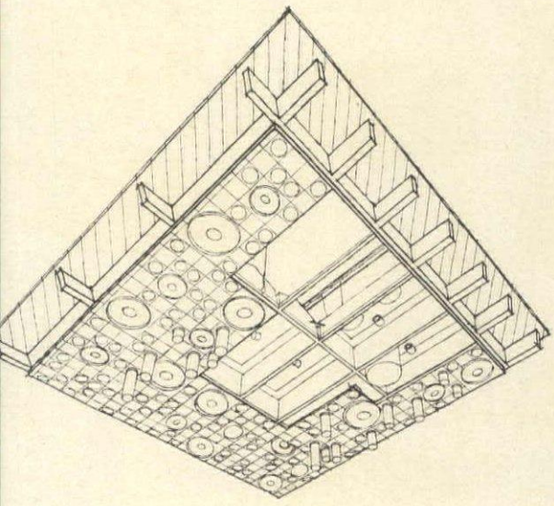
Far more commonplace are the portable appliances toted (given the wiring) from room to room. Should she wish, a lady can sit at her dressing table, use her electric blanket as a lap robe, plug in a pot of coffee, dry her hair with an electric dryer, buff her nails with an electric buffer and watch television on a set no bigger than a minute. Such coziness would play hob with a wiring system installed in the day when about the only thing you carried from room to room was the vacuum cleaner or the electric fan.

Rarely does a house built as much as ten years ago have the power to take care of both necessities and luxuries—to say nothing of outside lighting, outside cooking, safety lights, power tools, elaborate built-in lighting and a second kitchen. Today a merely adequately wired house requires 100 amperes (24,000 watts), which may seem a lot, but is not. An electric range can use up to 16,000 watts alone, an electric clothes dryer up to 9,000 watts, an electric water heater up to 4,500 watts. This leaves very little wattage for the other 163 pieces of equipment you might like around the house.

The pitfalls of inadequate wiring

Blissfully, most of us are unaware of inadequate wiring until, having steadily indulged in new equipment, we find ourselves plagued with more and more blackouts (blown fuses or shut-off circuit breakers), the shrinking or "wincing" of television pictures when other appliances are at work, the dimming of lights when the refrigerator goes on or the loss of full illumination from a perfectly good lamp bulb or fluorescent tube.

You may or may not know that after coming into your house through what is called the Electric Service Entrance (an alias for the combination of fuse or circuit-breaker box and the main wires which connect your house to the power company's line), electricity is carried by smaller wires called branch circuits to your lights, convenience outlets and individual electrical equipment. Each branch circuit is protected by either a fuse or a circuit breaker. When the circuit becomes overloaded (too many demands, not enough power), the fuse burns out—or the circuit breaker shuts itself off—and stops the flow of power with a subsequent blackout: a warning. Sometimes, even when a blackout does not occur, damage can be done by overloading circuits which cannot deliver electricity at full pressure because the wires are too small and the circuits too long. Subjected to continual low voltage, irons and broilers take longer to heat, and vacuum, washer and refrigerator motors may eventually burn out.



A continuous system of ceiling lights, OPPOSITE PAGE, *made possible with a fretwork of preplanned wiring, is a handsome and radical departure from conventional illumination. Clear acrylic cylinders are fitted into down-light openings in a ceiling installed in bronze or enamel modules. Light can be concentrated in one spot like a chandelier, or blanket the entire ceiling, wall-to-wall. By Lightolier.*

Sooner or later, the least aware neophyte knows something is wrong. It is time for the witch hunt. But unless you are an M. I. T. graduate in electrical engineering, do not do the hunting yourself. It's dangerous. Call in a qualified electrician (mandatory under most building codes), and relax. You can help him, however, with a knowledge of which outlets are controlled by which circuits. In the following manner, make yourself an electrical map of your whole house.

How to be your own electrical Hawkshaw

1 Make a drawing of your fuse box or circuit-breaker panel and assign a number to each fuse or circuit breaker.
2 Unscrew fuse number 1 or throw the switch of circuit-breaker number 1.
3 Try all the light switches (indoors and out), then check the refrigerator, freezer, laundry appliances and anything else that plugs in. Finally, test every empty outlet with a small plug-in lamp.
4 Mark on a floor plan of your house the location of each lamp and convenience outlet which is *not* working. These will be the ones controlled by branch circuit number 1.
5 If all the lights stay on and all convenience outlets work, this means circuit number 1 operates either the furnace, the boiler or the air conditioning. Look to see how they are faring.
6 Repeat the process for each circuit until you have accounted for every last light, outlet and appliance in the house. Chart them according to their respective circuits, then return house lights to normal and re-set the electric clocks.

You won't have any more power or a better electrical system after all this sleuthing, but at least you will know how things work and can pass the information on to your electrician. You will save him a lot of fuss and yourself a little money. You will also know better than to run two major appliances on the same circuit simultaneously, and you will have learned that all the outlets in one room are not necessarily controlled by the same circuit.

Vital points to remember

1 Added outlets will *not* increase power. Only enlarging your Electrical Service Entrance can perform this miracle.
2 Never pop a 20 ampere fuse into a 15 ampere circuit. You will overtax your already (perhaps) overtaxed wiring.
3 If you are building a new house, have the wires brought in underground. It will look better and merit the extra cost.
4 New house or old, don't settle for less than a main load of 200 amperes (48,000 watts)—particularly if you find yourself coveting the nigh-to-sybaritic electric aids on the next page.

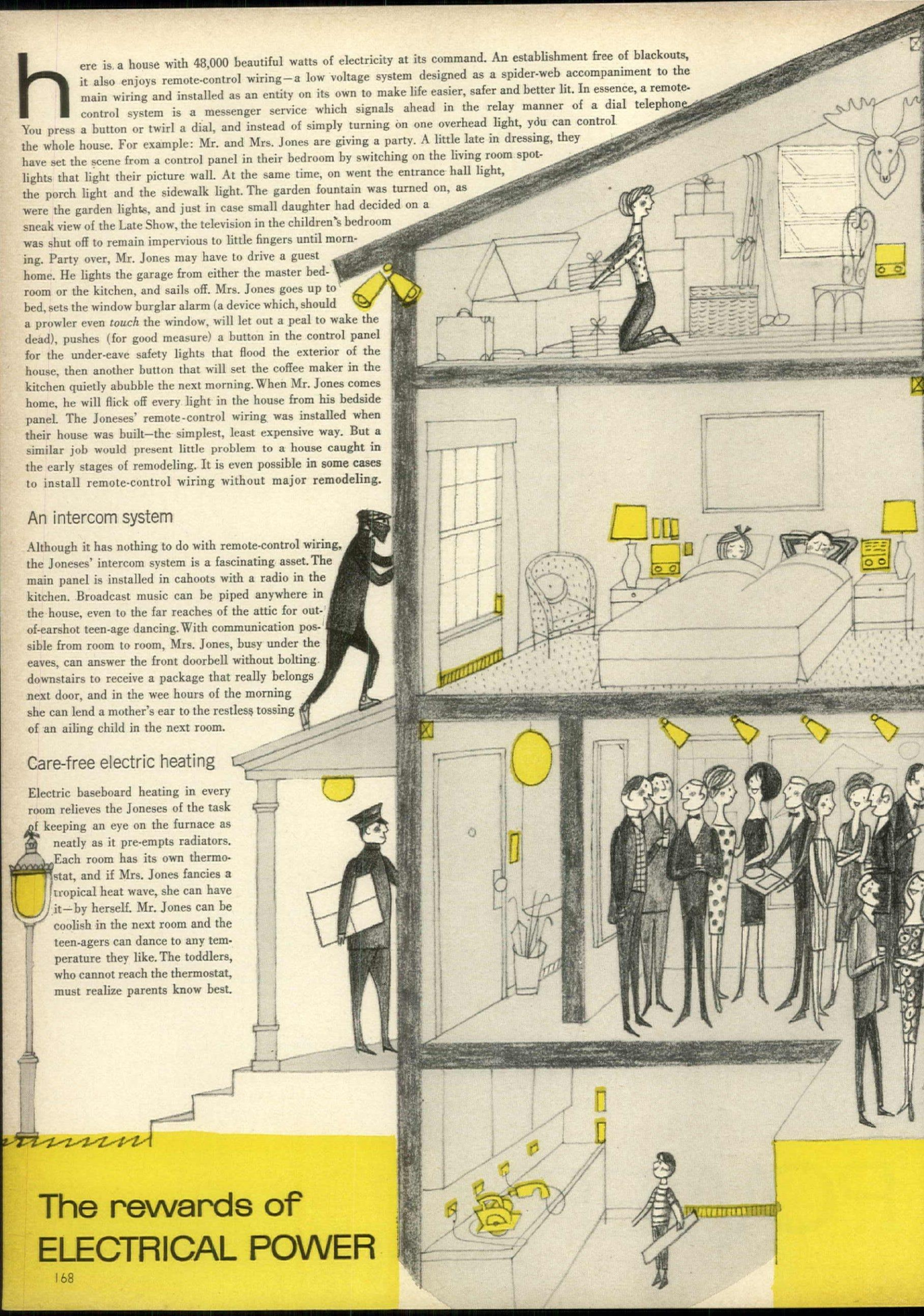
Here is a house with 48,000 beautiful watts of electricity at its command. An establishment free of blackouts, it also enjoys remote-control wiring—a low voltage system designed as a spider-web accompaniment to the main wiring and installed as an entity on its own to make life easier, safer and better lit. In essence, a remote-control system is a messenger service which signals ahead in the relay manner of a dial telephone. You press a button or twirl a dial, and instead of simply turning on one overhead light, you can control the whole house. For example: Mr. and Mrs. Jones are giving a party. A little late in dressing, they have set the scene from a control panel in their bedroom by switching on the living room spotlights that light their picture wall. At the same time, on went the entrance hall light, the porch light and the sidewalk light. The garden fountain was turned on, as were the garden lights, and just in case small daughter had decided on a sneak view of the Late Show, the television in the children's bedroom was shut off to remain impervious to little fingers until morning. Party over, Mr. Jones may have to drive a guest home. He lights the garage from either the master bedroom or the kitchen, and sails off. Mrs. Jones goes up to bed, sets the window burglar alarm (a device which, should a prowler even *touch* the window, will let out a peal to wake the dead), pushes (for good measure) a button in the control panel for the under-eave safety lights that flood the exterior of the house, then another button that will set the coffee maker in the kitchen quietly abubble the next morning. When Mr. Jones comes home, he will flick off every light in the house from his bedside panel. The Joneses' remote-control wiring was installed when their house was built—the simplest, least expensive way. But a similar job would present little problem to a house caught in the early stages of remodeling. It is even possible in some cases to install remote-control wiring without major remodeling.

An intercom system

Although it has nothing to do with remote-control wiring, the Joneses' intercom system is a fascinating asset. The main panel is installed in cahoots with a radio in the kitchen. Broadcast music can be piped anywhere in the house, even to the far reaches of the attic for out-of-earshot teen-age dancing. With communication possible from room to room, Mrs. Jones, busy under the eaves, can answer the front doorbell without bolting downstairs to receive a package that really belongs next door, and in the wee hours of the morning she can lend a mother's ear to the restless tossing of an ailing child in the next room.

Care-free electric heating

Electric baseboard heating in every room relieves the Joneses of the task of keeping an eye on the furnace as neatly as it pre-empts radiators. Each room has its own thermostat, and if Mrs. Jones fancies a tropical heat wave, she can have it—by herself. Mr. Jones can be coolish in the next room and the teen-agers can dance to any temperature they like. The toddlers, who cannot reach the thermostat, must realize parents know best.



The rewards of ELECTRICAL POWER

Electric controls for curtains and windows

Most of the curtains in the Joneses' house are of the traverse type—and for a reason: They open and close, not by a tugging of cords or manual yanking, but by electricity. A button in a curtain-masked control box on the window sill is the hidden jinni. Another control button in the sill performs the same service for the awning windows. The Joneses crank not. In certain rooms they don't even stir from their armchairs to capture a breeze or shut out wind and rain, but simply push a button in a little remote-control box on a table beside them to open or close the windows. Housewide wiring permits Mrs. Jones to close a window in the attic when she's deep in the basement (or vice versa). And from her own bed, she can close all the children's bedroom windows whenever storms flare up suddenly in the middle of the night.

Snow-melting, fire alarms and lock-out switches

The envy of their neighbors, the Joneses' are never troubled with ice-filled eaves (that causes melting snow to back up under the shingles and damage ceilings and walls). A zigzag border of electric cable at each eave-edge melts icy snow and keeps it melted until it has gone down the rainspouts like summer rain. And even in the dead of winter, Mr. Jones can always get his car out of the garage. Electric cables embedded in the cement driveway keep that vehicular path warm enough to dispense with snowbanks once and for all. Nor is anyone likely to slip and fall on the front walks and steps when similiar cables assure a nonskid winter. Within doors, two other safety precautions are dealt with by remote control. A fire alarm tucked away in a ceiling corner of each room will blare like a tocsin the moment the temperature shoots too high too suddenly. And should Junior Jones ever feel like trying his hand at father's power tools, he's in for a surprise. When father goes away, a lock-out switch on the master control panel shuts off all tool-propelling power in the hobby room. Junior will just have to go out and play.

JAN BALET

Small aids that do yeoman duty



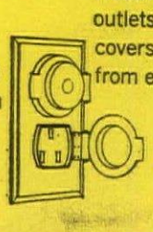
Dimmer-like control adjusts light to full or exactly half brightness.



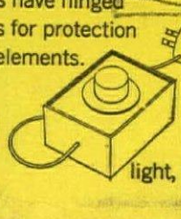
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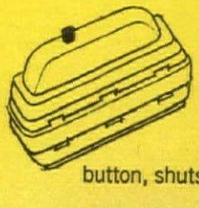
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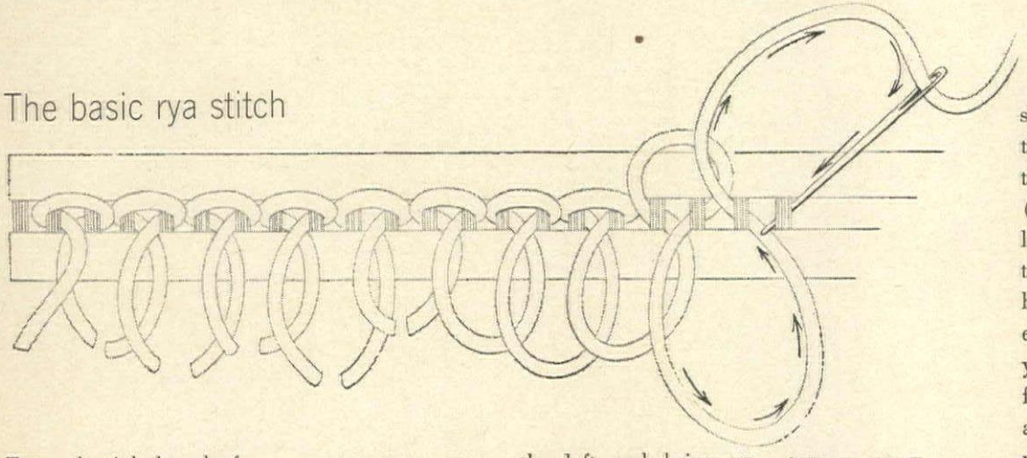
How to make RYA RUGS

With a technique borrowed from the Norsemen, you can make a luxuriantly shaggy rug to accent a sleek, polished floor

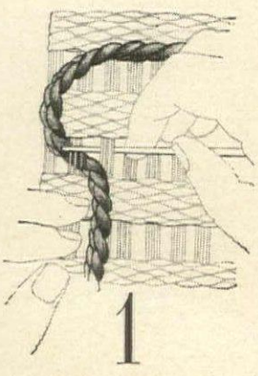
The word *rya* is Viking in origin, and it was the Vikings who introduced the knotted wool rug known as rya to Scandinavia. (They probably learned the knot from the Persians.) Both a practical solution to life in a cold climate and a pastime during the long winter nights, these sturdy rugs were first used by the Vikings to cover their beds on board ship. They designed the rugs to imitate sheep or bearskins, and turned them pile-side down for warmth. Eventually, on land, ryas were hung on walls to ward off drafts, and began to show up in a riot of patterns and colors. Later, they took their place on floors, and were cherished for their luxuriance and durability. Weaving them is still a favorite craft of the Scandinavian people. To make your own rya rug, you can buy a kit that supplies the special backing fabric, design, wool and needles that are all you need, plus instructions for the single repeated stitch that is all you must master. (You do not use a loom or frame.) Or you can order just the rya backing fabric and make a rug of your own design in any colors you want.

The handsome rug, *opposite page*, was created by Iona Plath, whose book, "Hand Weaving," was just published by Scribner's. Everything you need to make it can be had in a kit: 31-by-47-inch backing fabric (wool with a linen warp), needles, yarn and a graph-paper diagram for the pattern. It is designed so that should you wish a larger rug, you can make several, join them, and the *strié* furlike pattern will match. Or, you can get a kit to make a 24-by-36-inch-size rug. For shopping information, see page 198. Mies van der Rohe chair and table from Knoll Associates.

The basic rya stitch



To get the right length of yarn to work with, take a full skein and cut through it once. You can hold the rug in your lap, but it is easier to work on a tabletop. Stitch from left to right in a horizontal row on your backing fabric. Insert needle in second space from edge of fabric, go under threads to the left and bring up needle in next space to left (1). Pull yarn through, leaving an end 1 to 1½ inches long. (After this initial stitch, you will be leaving loops 1 to 1½ inches long.) Enter needle in next empty space to right and bring under threads and out in space where you started. Pull yarn through tightly, giving it a good tug to make a flat knot (2). Then repeat. Hold lower loop around first two fingers of your left hand while you make each knot (3). (Later you cut these loops to form the pile.) Work along to the right end of row. About every fifteen knots, cut the loops you have made. For an especially shaggy furlike pile, cut some loops evenly in half and others unevenly. Roll the rug as your work progresses, but never fold it. Until you become truly dexterous, it should take an hour to complete a row.







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WINE

The farsighted wedding gift

by James A. Beard

Although a welter of conventional wedding presents is almost always bestowed upon a young couple, there is one that rarely comes to mind, yet would surely delight both bride and groom. Over the years I have discovered that there is no nicer and more practical way to give a marriage a good send-off than to provide the cornerstone for a future wine cellar—a case or two of carefully selected wines coupled with a sound, informative book on the subject. If you feel this is too prosaic, you can add some of the appurtenances of storing and serving—a sturdy wine rack, a workmanlike corkscrew, handsome decanters, a silver wine strainer for decanting a fine old Bordeaux or crusty port, a wine cooler or wine coasters and perhaps a set of clear crystal all-purpose wineglasses in a classic shape that will go with any china and silver.

Today few young people have the opportunity to know their way among wines, but they are eager to entertain well and to acquire the poise for offering wine to guests with confidence. This confidence cannot be developed overnight, for there is really only one road to learning about wine: reading and systematic tasting.

Once initiated, the building up of the basic wine cellar can become a fascinating hobby and enables you to greet unexpected guests with a degree of serenity (no rushing out to the local liquor store at the last minute hoping to find something decent on the shelves). When a first-rate wine appears on the market, you can buy it by the case and lay it away, with consequent saving in cost. A wine log, with comments on wines sampled at home or in a restaurant or even with wine labels (soaked off the bottles) pasted in as reminders, is an excellent way to keep track of good buys.

When it comes to choosing the book to accompany your wedding-present wine selection, exercise good judgment. Be wary of books that are too technical and aimed largely at the expert, and stick to those written in clear, simple language a novice can understand. One of the greatest—and most straightforward—to be found in bookstores is Frank Schoonmaker's "Encyclopedia of Wine" (Hastings House, $6.95). Mr. Schoonmaker possesses one of the two or three great palates of the wine world and is the first American (in fact, the first non-Frenchman) to become a *membre diplômé* of the *Académie du Vin*. Not only does he understand the subtle differences between the great vintages of France and Germany, but he appreciates the qualities of the great and lesser wines around the world, and has done more, perhaps, than any other person to promote public acceptance of American wines. The book is alphabetically arranged and contains descriptions of all kinds of wines, definitions (with pronunciations of foreign words) of wine terms and locations of the wine-growing areas—including a complete listing of all the châteaux in Bordeaux, the vineyards in Burgundy and most of the vineyards in California. Mr. Schoonmaker discusses the best wines to accompany food and how to serve them, and generally covers the topic of wine with sprightly charm and wit. This is no book of dry facts, but a stimulating compilation and an excellent choice to begin the bride and groom's wine library.

With this comprehensive volume it would be appropriate to send along a collection of small and great wines from various countries and various price categories. This might be the contents of one case:

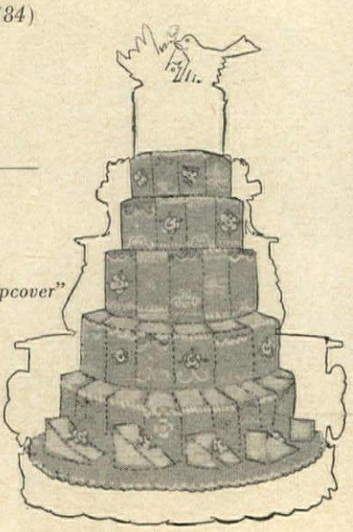
1. A great red Bordeaux.
2. A fabulous estate-bottled Burgundy.
3. Two country wines, such as a Muscadet of a good year, a fine Beaujolais, a Pouilly Fumé or a Sancerre.
4. A great Rhône, either a Châteauneuf-du-Pape of an excellent year or an extraordinarily good Hermitage.
5. A German wine, such as an excellent Niersteiner or a Bernkasteler.

(*Continued on page 184*)

Cartonnage cover for wedding cake

The enchanting paper fantasy on our Wedding Cook Book cover, OPPOSITE PAGE, *is no symbolic wedding cake, but a "slipcover" cleverly wrought in paper sculpture to shelter the real thing —layers of long, narrow, completely frosted slices of cake. This neat decorative idea not only eliminates the mess of cutting the traditional cake for an at-home wedding, but also gives the bride a lasting memento to keep and cherish.*

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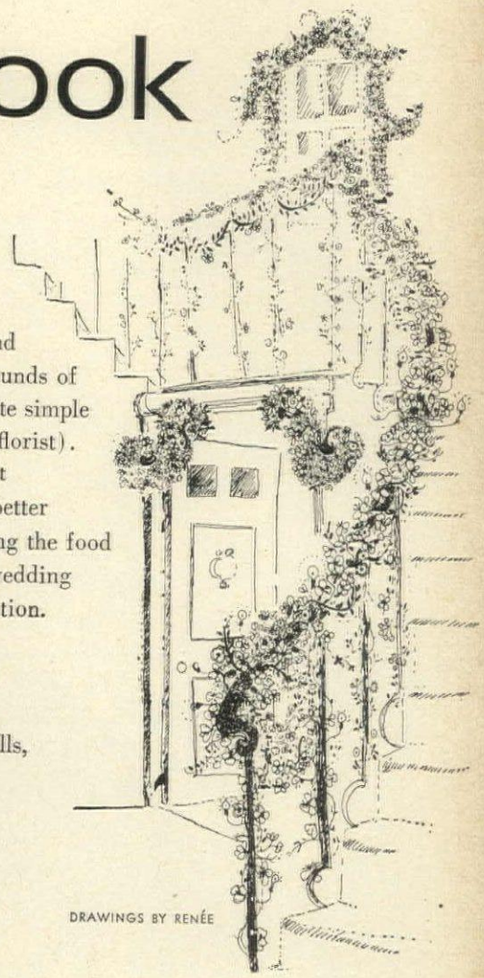
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DRAWINGS BY RENÉE

Wedding parties are the happiest of all occasions, but like other labors of love they can be a test of your ingenuity and ability. Whether you are counting on the services of a caterer or propose to have the bulk of the food cooked at home, you need a well-laid plan of action for coping with the parties, dinners and gatherings of family and friends before, during and right after the wedding. The secret of good organization is to keep everything firmly within the bounds of your budget and your own capacities. For a wedding reception at home, the decorations can be quite simple —masses of flowers everywhere (in hanging baskets, planters, garlands, to be arranged by you or the florist). For a late-afternoon wedding, you might wind your stair rail with orange blossoms and tiny pinpoint Christmas-tree lights to be switched on as the light fades. Keep your menus equally uncomplicated (better excellent-if-plain fare than elaborate dishes prepared in a mediocre manner). And if you are having the food cooked at home, take advantage of your freezer to cook ahead in quantity. Many dishes suitable for wedding breakfasts, luncheons and buffets can also be frozen, either wholly or up to a certain point of preparation. Even the wedding cake may be baked, frozen in layers and defrosted in time to ice and decorate. Dishes that lend themselves to freezing include beef, lamb or veal stews; curried dishes, lobster and shrimp pilaffs; rice salads (thaw by reheating slightly, then cool); mousses and unbaked soufflés; casseroles of noodles mixed with cheese, meat or seafood; crêpes, cream puffs or patty shellls, to be filled with sweet or savory mixtures; tart shells for pies and quiche; brioche dough, to be rolled out and used for filet en croute or coulibiac. The menus in this cook book, although designed for specific wedding parties, would work equally well for anything from a small seated dinner to a large open-house cocktail buffet. And both the food and the ideas for decorations are equally adaptable to a do-it-yourself wedding or one staged by professionals.

Country wedding breakfast buffet

For a country wedding, where the breakfast is to be given at home after an 11 o'clock church ceremony, a simple self-service buffet menu works well. The buffet table itself might be set up in the dining room, with both living and dining rooms cleared of furniture, equipped with plenty of little tables and folding chairs and decorated with pots of white cyclamen and tall green plants. Champagne, passed on trays, can be augmented by a choice of other drinks served from a bar in another room. This kind of menu, which offers a choice of dishes both delicate and hearty, from the semi-traditional creamed chicken (here given a slightly different twist) to a Virginia ham, would be equally good, sans wedding cake, for an autumn or winter open-house brunch.

MENU

CHICKEN MORNAY WITH A BORDER OF PURÉED BROCCOLI*
TINY PARKER HOUSE ROLLS
SCRAMBLED EGGS
LAMB KIDNEYS IN MADEIRA SAUCE
BACON CURLS DEERFOOT SAUSAGES
STEWED TOMATOES
VIRGINIA HAM BEATEN BISCUITS
CHOCOLATE AND RASPBERRY BOMBE*
DARK FRUIT WEDDING CAKE
CHAMPAGNE COFFEE

Chicken Mornay

This is a good serviceable dish for any buffet meal—no knives are needed.

Butter
1 small onion, minced
12 tablespoons flour
6 cups milk
½ cup grated imported Gruyère cheese
1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Salt, pepper, cayenne pepper, nutmeg
4 bunches young tender broccoli
¼ cup light cream
8 cups cooked ground chicken

Melt 14 tablespoons butter and cook the onion for 2–3 minutes. Add the flour and cook 3 minutes longer. Add the milk and cook, stirring, until smooth and thickened. Add the Gruyère cheese and ½ cup of the Parmesan cheese and season to taste with salt, cayenne and a dash of nutmeg.

Remove hard stem parts of the broccoli. Cut lengthwise in equal-size pieces. Pack into a pot that will hold the broccoli tight and upright. Sprinkle with salt and pour on boiling water. Cover and bring to a boil. Boil fast for 8–10 minutes, or until quite tender. Drain well and rub through a fine sieve (do not use a blender). Add salt and pepper to taste, ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, 6 tablespoons butter and the cream. You should have about 6 cups purée.

Reserve 1 cup of the hot sauce and combine the remaining sauce with the chicken. Pour into two 2-quart shallow oval or square well-buttered oven-to-table dishes. Pour remaining sauce on top and sprinkle with the remaining ½ cup Parmesan cheese and dot with butter. Place under the broiler to brown. Fill a large pastry bag with a serrated ribbon tube with the hot broccoli purée. Pipe purée along the edges of the dishes. Keep hot in a low oven until ready to serve, but not too long as the broccoli will lose its green color. Serves 8.

Chocolate and Raspberry Bombe

1 quart chocolate ice cream
1 cup toasted, skinned and crushed hazelnuts
1 quart red raspberry ice

Soften the chocolate ice cream just enough to mix with the toasted hazelnuts. Line a 2½-quart melon mold with it so the walls are completely covered with chocolate. Freeze a while. Pack with raspberry ice. Freeze until needed. Unmold on a serving platter. Serves 8.

Small seated wedding breakfast

This is a simple menu with a main dish that can be mostly cooked ahead. The tartlets, sauce and hash may all be done beforehand, and the egg poaching and assembling of the dish for a small group should not take more than 20 minutes. The chicken hash may be replaced by

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MENU

MELON AND WHITE GRAPE CUP
TARTLETS OF CHICKEN HASH TOPPED WITH POACHED EGGS*
SPINACH AND BACON SALAD
STRAWBERRY ICE GARNISHED WITH UNHULLED STRAWBERRIES
WEDDING CAKE
CHAMPAGNE COFFEE

Tartlets of Chicken Hash with Poached Eggs

2 cups sifted flour
Salt, pepper
8 tablespoons butter
4 tablespoons vegetable shortening
1 egg yolk
4 cups cooked minced chicken breasts
2 cups cream sauce
1 teaspoon powdered chicken stock concentrate
16 eggs
1 cup Hollandaise sauce (see recipe for Sauce Mousseline, below right)
16 slices truffle (optional) or black olive

Sift the flour and ¾ teaspoon salt into a bowl. Make a well in the flour. Place the butter, shortening and egg yolk in the well. Work with your finger tips until the mixture looks like coarse corn meal. Add the least amount of ice water to make a ball of the dough. Chill until needed.

Roll out the pastry dough until thin and loosely line 16 buttered tart molds, keeping the dough ½" higher than the mold as it will shrink in baking. Prick with a fork and line shells with waxed paper and rice. Bake for about 10 minutes in a preheated 425° oven, or until delicately golden. Remove paper and rice from tarts.

While the tarts are baking, mix the chicken with the cream sauce and season with salt and pepper to taste and the chicken stock concentrate. Add a little milk or cream if the mixture seems dry. Fill each tart with ¼ cup of the chicken hash mixture.

When ready to assemble, poach the eggs in salted boiling water with a spoonful of white vinegar. Remove the eggs to a folded towel to drain. Trim off ragged edges and place an egg in each tart. Cover with one tablespoon Hollandaise sauce and decorate with a slice of truffle or black olive. Serves 8.

Note: For Hollandaise, follow recipe for Sauce Mousseline, but omit whipped cream.

Seated summer wedding luncheon

A noon wedding in summer followed by a seated lunch might be planned around a cool sea theme with the table decorated with flower-filled shells and the first course of jellied soup served in abalone shells. At this time of year, fresh salmon mousse is exquisite wedding party fare. It would also make a delightful main or first course for any small seated luncheon party. The following recipe for Hot Salmon Mousse will serve 8, but may be increased for a large party. (If it is to be a first course or part of a multiple dish buffet meal, it will of course serve more.)

MENU

JELLIED CLAM AND CHICKEN BOUILLON TOPPED WITH CAVIAR
HOT SALMON MOUSSE WITH SAUCE MOUSSELINE*
SALAD OF SLICED CUCUMBER, AVOCADO AND TOMATO WEDGES WITH HERBED FRENCH DRESSING
HOT ROLLS
FRESH PEACHES AND CHERRIES WITH KIRSCH
WALNUT WEDDING CAKE*
CHAMPAGNE COFFEE

Hot Salmon Mousse

3 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk
1½ teaspoons salt
4–5 dashes cayenne pepper
3 egg yolks
2 pounds fresh uncooked salmon
4 egg whites
⅓ cup chopped dill (optional)
1 cup whipped cream, chilled

Make a cream sauce with the butter, flour and milk and season lavishly with the salt and cayenne pepper. Add the egg yolks, stirring briskly. Set aside to cool, and then chill. Grind the salmon or pound it in a mortar to a very fine purée. Set bowl in ice and add egg whites, working thoroughly with a slotted wooden spoon until the mixture is glossy and thickened. Add the cold sauce and chill a while. Add the dill if desired and fold in the cold whipped cream. Pour into an oiled 8-cup mold. Set mold in a basin containing an inch of water. Place buttered waxed paper over the mold and bake in a preheated 350° oven for about 40–45 minutes, adding water to the pan if needed. Unmold and serve with Sauce Mousseline. Serves 8.

Sauce Mousseline

8 egg yolks
1 teaspoon salt
Several dashes cayenne pepper
½ pound sweet butter, cut into small pieces
Juice of 1 lemon
1 cup whipped salted cream

Pour an inch of water into the bottom part of a double boiler and bring it to a mere simmer on a low flame. Place the egg yolks, salt and cayenne pepper in the top part of the double boiler and beat until light. Place the top part over the water—the water should not touch it—and keep beating with a wire whisk until the yolks are thick and light in color. Start adding butter, one piece at a time. If the mixture gets too thick, add a few drops of boiling water from the lower pan. Alternate butter with a few drops of lemon juice until desired lemon taste is acquired. Fold in the whipped cream and serve right away. This sauce cannot be kept hot, although it may be put over tepid water.

Chopped dill, parsley or, for sheer elegance, chopped truffles may be added.

Walnut Wedding Cake

1½ cups egg whites
Pinch salt
2 cups sugar
10 egg yolks
2 tablespoons dry cocoa
1½ cups ground walnuts
2½ cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons vanilla

Beat the egg whites and salt until foamy. Gradually beat in 1½ cups sugar until the meringue is very stiff and glossy. Beat the egg yolks with the remaining ½ cup sugar until they make a ribbon when the beater is lifted. Add the cocoa to the yolks. Pour the yolks into the meringue and fold in with the walnuts and flour. Fold in the vanilla.

Line large and small well-buttered springform pans with waxed paper and butter the paper. Pour in the batter and cut through it with a silver knife to eliminate air pockets. Bake for 1 hour in a preheated 350° oven. Test by pressing gently with a finger. When the cake is done, the top will be springy. Invert pans on racks. Cool. Unmold. Cut cakes in half and fill with Mocha Butter Filling and frost with White Icing.

Mocha Butter Filling

1¾ cups sugar
4 egg yolks
¼ cup very strong coffee
2 tablespoons powdered cocoa
16 tablespoons sweet butter

Make a syrup with 1¼ cups water and the sugar by boiling 5 minutes, or until a candy thermometer registers 240°. Beat the egg yolks until light and thick. Pour the syrup onto the egg yolks, beating all the time until cool. Beat in the coffee and cocoa. Cream the butter until fluffy. Gradually work in the egg-syrup mixture, beating all the time. Spread thickly between layers of the cakes.

White Icing

4 cups sugar
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
2 cups boiling water
2 cups confectioners' sugar

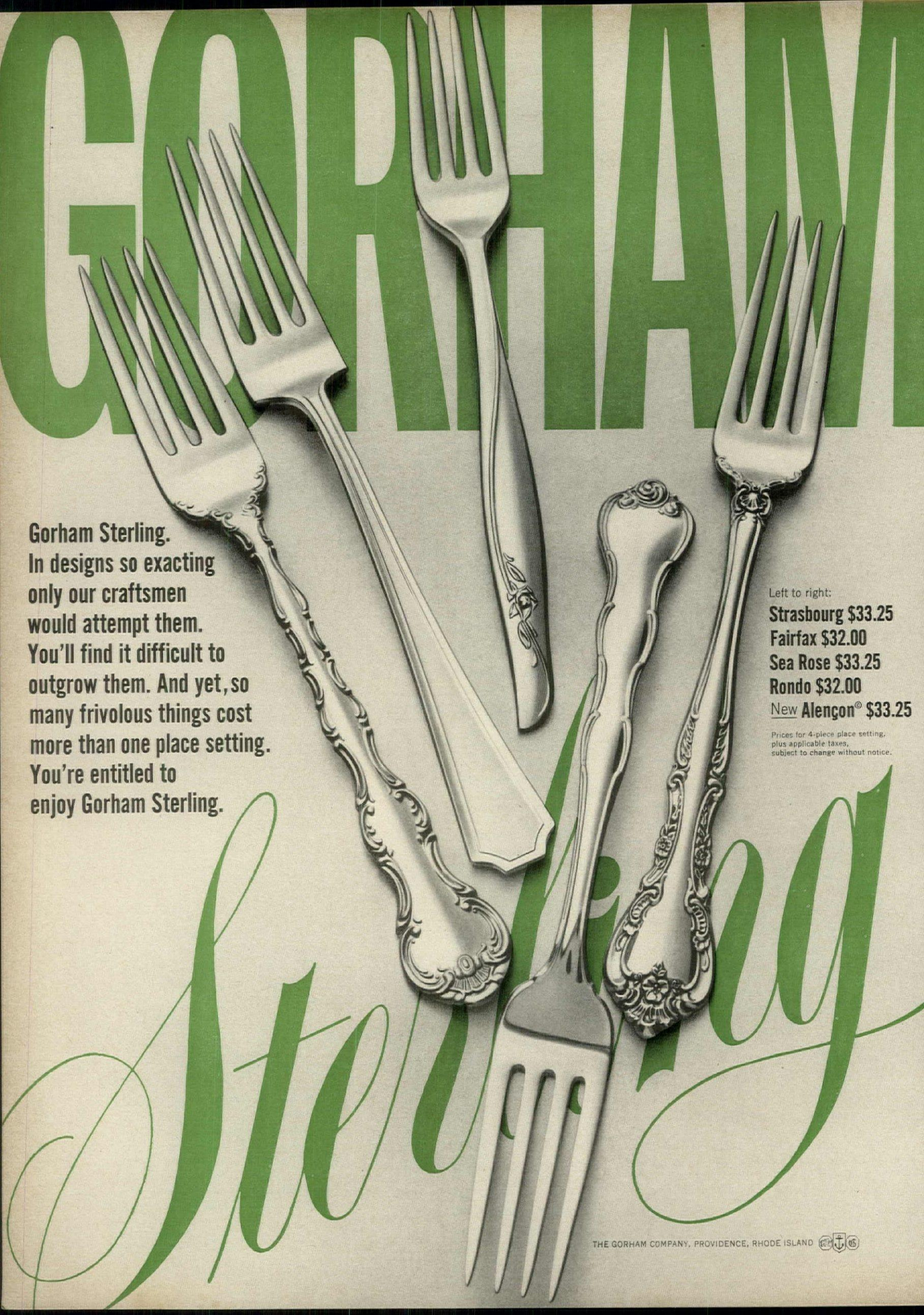
Boil the sugar, cream of tartar and water in a saucepan until it makes a thin syrup. Cool a little and add enough confectioners' sugar to make an icing that will pour. Place smaller cake on top of large one on a cake rack over a platter. Pour icing over the cakes. Scrape up icing from the platter and soften over warm water until all the icing is used. If this cake is not used for a wedding, the recipe may be halved and the icing may be chocolate or mocha.

Up-in-the-air decorations



Keep space uncrowded (and make the most of a modest amount of materials) by hanging your flower decorations. Suspend blossom-filled baskets from a door lintel to add color and fragrance to a room or, for a garden reception, top poles with pastel-painted bird cages brimming with colorful blooms.

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Seated winter wedding luncheon

While the menu for the summer wedding luncheon can be easily prepared for twenty-four or even thirty-two guests, this luncheon is designed for a smaller gathering, as the main course of roasted Rock Cornish hens indicates. Crab Quiche, which can be made ahead, frozen and reheated, is a versatile dish, good for a luncheon or Sunday night supper main course or for a pre-theatre meal. Baked in small tart shells, it is an excellent cocktail appetizer.

MENU

CRAB QUICHE*

ROCK CORNISH HENS ROASTED WITH TARRAGON AND BASTED WITH PORT

GREEN BEANS JULIENNE WITH BROWN BUTTER AND PARSLEY

BIBB LETTUCE WITH SLICED BEETS AND ENDIVE, OIL AND VINEGAR DRESSING

COLD POACHED ORANGES WITH ALMONDS AND COINTREAU*

CHOCOLATE LEAVES WEDDING CAKE

CHAMPAGNE COFFEE

Crab Quiche

Pastry for 8"–9" shell (see recipe for tartlets, page 177)
1 *egg yolk*
1 *tablespoon flour*
4 *eggs*
2 *cups light cream*
Salt, cayenne pepper, nutmeg to taste
1 *pound crab meat, cleaned and flaked*
1 *onion, grated*
2 *tablespoons minced celery*
3 *tablespoons chopped parsley*

Preheat oven to 375°. Mix pastry as for tartlets. Roll out thin and line a well-buttered 8"–9" pie pan. Flute the edge high and chill until needed.

Mix the egg yolk and flour in a bowl. Lightly beat in the whole eggs and cream. Season with salt, cayenne pepper and nutmeg. Add the crab meat, onion, celery and parsley. Pour into the pastry shell and bake for 45 minutes, or until the filling is puffed and golden. Cool the tart for a few minutes before cutting and serving. Serves 8.

Cold Poached Oranges with Almonds and Cointreau

8 *large navel oranges*
2½ *cups sugar*
½ *cup Cointreau or orange liqueur*
¾ *cup blanched and slivered almonds*

Peel the whole oranges with a knife, removing the rind and pith and exposing the pulp. Remove all pith from the orange rind and cut rind into fine julienne with a sharp knife. Make a syrup by boiling the sugar and 2 cups water and poach the rind for 30 minutes. Poach the oranges in the syrup just long enough to give them one rolling boil. Do not let them get limp. Arrange oranges in a serving dish. Add orange liqueur to the syrup and pour over the oranges. Sprinkle with the slivered almonds. Chill well before serving. Serve the cold poached oranges with chocolate leaves. Serves 8.

Afternoon wedding reception

When large numbers of guests have been invited, it has become the fashion for the seated meal to give way to a more informal kind of wedding reception. Young people in particular prefer to wander around rather than be ensconced for two hours in one spot. Older people, on the other hand, would rather not stand too long. The answer, if you are having a large reception after a 4 o'clock wedding, is to serve a selection of foods that can be eaten out of hand, such as little turnovers, puffs and sandwiches, and during the period of the receiving line, circulate drinks, champagne and trays of hors d'oeuvres to quiet hunger pangs. Be sure there are adequate seating arrangements so no one who wishes to sit down is forced to eat standing up, and see that the older guests are looked after, waited on and found agreeable table companions. For the following menu, which could also serve for a large cocktail buffet if the cake, champagne, tea and coffee were eliminated, the little pastries can be prepared ahead of time in quantity, labeled, frozen by the dozen and baked as needed.

MENU

TINY PASTRY TURNOVERS WITH A VARIETY OF FILLINGS*

SANDWICHES OF MINCED CHICKEN, WALNUTS AND MAYONNAISE ON WHITE BREAD

ONE-INCH HAMBURGERS ON TOAST ROUNDS, TOPPED WITH SPICY TOMATO SAUCE

TINY CREAM PUFFS FILLED WITH VARIOUS MIXTURES*

ASSORTED TEA SANDWICHES: WATERCRESS AND CREAM CHEESE; RAW MINCED MUSHROOMS AND CREAM CHEESE; HAM WITH MUSTARD BUTTER; SMOKED TURKEY ON PUMPERNICKEL BREAD SPREAD WITH SWEET BUTTER

WEDDING CAKE

CHAMPAGNE MIXED DRINKS

TEA COFFEE

Cream Cheese Pastry

1 *pound butter*
1 *pound cream cheese*
4 *cups sifted flour*
Egg yolk mixed with cream or water (optional)

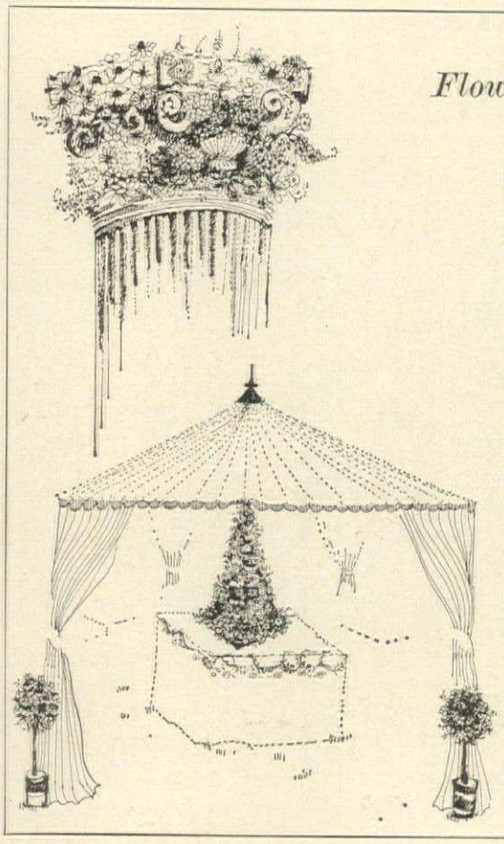
Have butter and cream cheese at room temperature and mix well together. Cut into flour until well mixed. Press pastry into a ball and chill one hour. Roll out to ¼" thickness on a floured board and cut into rounds with a 3" cookie cutter. Keep gathering up pastry and re-rolling until all the dough is used. Place one rounded teaspoon of desired filling on one side of each pastry round and fold empty side over filling. Press down and press edges together with the tines of a fork. Paint turnovers with egg yolk mixed with cream or water if desired. Prick tops with a fork. Place turnovers on a cookie sheet, and bake in a preheated 425° oven for 8–10 minutes, or until delicately golden. The turnovers may be reheated in a 300° oven for about 10 minutes. This amount of pastry will make approximately 60–80 turnovers.

Fillings for Turnovers

Lebanese Lamb

3 *tablespoons butter*
1 *cup finely ground lamb*
½ *beaten egg*
½ *teaspoon salt*
⅛ *teaspoon each: nutmeg, allspice, cinnamon*
1–2 *teaspoons beef bouillon*
½ *cup cooked rice*

Melt the butter and add the meat and egg, tossing together with a fork until all the signs of pink have disappeared from the meat. Add the salt and spices. If the mixture looks dry, add a teaspoon or two of beef bouillon. Mix with the cooked rice. This makes enough filling for about 50 turnovers.



Flower and foliage backgrounds

Plants, flowers and greenery are favored all around the country as the easiest and most appropriate of all wedding decorations. In Hawaii, flower leis are swagged from pew to pew in the church; for a garden ceremony, young girls holding leis form an aisle for the wedding party. In both Hawaii and California, potted plants (rented or borrowed) are sunk into the ground to "flesh out" background planting at garden weddings. For one Hawaiian wedding where the sit-down breakfast was served in a tent, the main table was cut out around the center pole, umbrella-table fashion, the hole filled in with chicken wire that rose around the pole in a pyramid covered with greenery and white gardenias. Chicken wire masked with dampened moss studded with closely massed flowers and leaves atop plastic columns was devised by Jones the Florist, of Cincinnati, to give a garden atmosphere to a reception in an impersonal club room. Twin walls of chicken wire fastened to each side of wooden uprights and stuffed with huckleberry clipped to resemble a hedge made a beguiling background for the receiving line.

Beef and Dill

3–4 tablespoons butter
½ small onion, minced
½ pound lean ground beef
½ slightly beaten egg
Salt, pepper to taste
2 tablespoons fresh cut dill (cut with scissors and include some stems for flavor)
1–2 teaspoons beef bouillon
½ cup cooked rice

Melt the butter and cook the onion 1 minute. Add the meat and egg and keep tossing together with a fork until all the signs of red have disappeared from the meat. Season with salt and pepper—season highly if the turnovers are to be eaten with cocktails. Toss with the dill. If the mixture looks dry, add a teaspoon or two of beef bouillon. Combine the meat mixture with the rice. This makes enough filling for about 50 turnovers.

Empanada

⅓ cup seedless raisins
½ small onion, minced
1 clove garlic, minced or crushed
½ pound minced lean beef
3–4 tablespoons olive oil, heated
1 teaspoon flour
3–4 tablespoons water or beef bouillon
1 dozen pitted green olives, chopped
Salt, pepper to taste

Soak raisins in boiling water for ½ hour. Drain well. Sauté the onion, garlic and beef in the hot olive oil. Add the flour and brown a little. Add the water or bouillon. Add the raisins, olives and season with salt and pepper. This makes enough filling for about 50 turnovers.

Beurek

10 ounces Feta cheese (Greek cheese)
Light cream
½ cup chopped parsley
Freshly ground black pepper

Soften the cheese with a little cream. (Feta is packed in tins and is hard and very salty. It will make a rather crumbly mixture.) Mix with parsley and plenty of black pepper. This makes enough filling for about 50 turnovers.

Shrimp and Water Chestnut

2 tablespoons butter
1½ cups minced cooked shrimp
2 teaspoons flour
½ cup (approximately) light cream
1 tablespoon tomato paste
3 tablespoons dry vermouth
1 tablespoon chopped chives
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
1 small can water chestnuts, chopped
Salt, pepper to taste

Heat the butter and sauté the shrimp a minute or two. Add the flour and cook a little. Add the cream, tomato paste and vermouth to make a smooth sauce. There should be just enough to bind the mixture. Add the chives, parsley, water chestnuts, salt and pepper. This makes enough filling for about 50–60 turnovers.

Cream Puffs

2 cups water
½ pound butter
Scant teaspoon salt
2 cups flour
3 eggs

Bring water, butter and salt to a boil in a large saucepan. Add flour all at once and stir briskly with a spoon over low heat until the mixture makes a ball in the center of the pan. Cook a few minutes, stirring. Remove from heat and add eggs one by one, beating hard with each addition. With a teaspoon make rounded mounds of the dough on ungreased cookie sheets about 2" apart and bake in a preheated 375° oven about 15–20 minutes, or until puffed and golden and no moisture shows. Prick with tip of a knife to let steam escape, or open one to test whether puffs are done. Makes about 75 puffs. *Note:* If puffs are too large after baking first batch, use less dough on teaspoon when making next batch.

Fillings for Cream Puffs

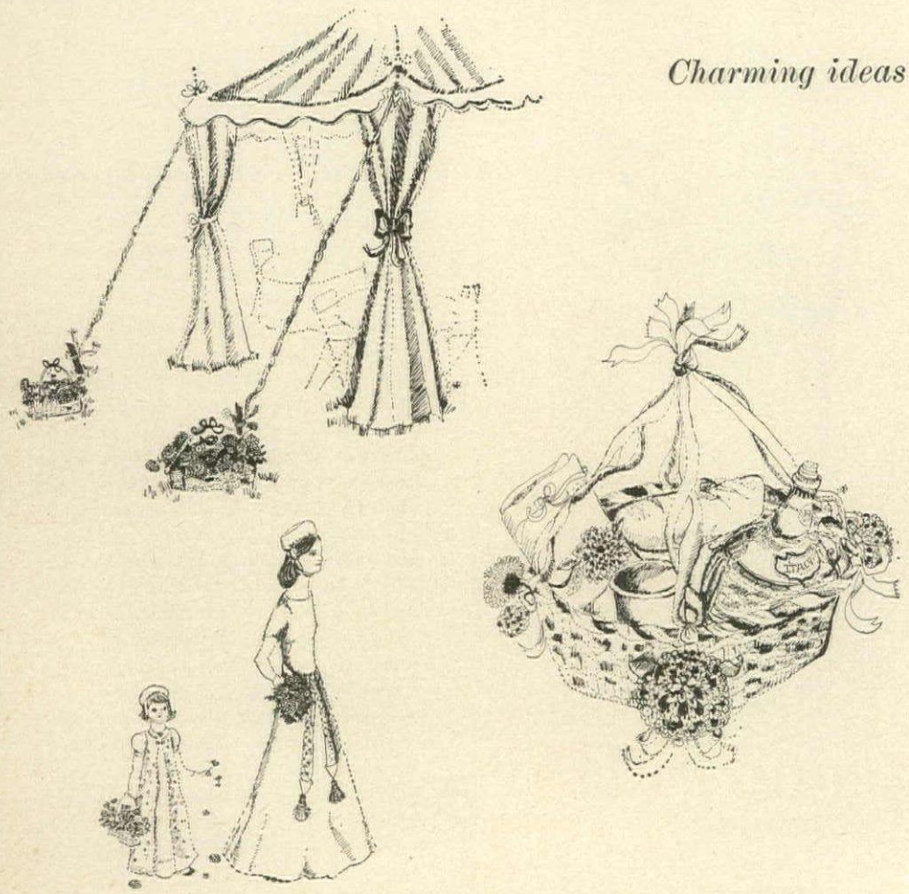
Roquefort-Cognac

½ pound Roquefort cheese
3 tablespoons heavy cream
¼ pound butter, softened
¼ cup cognac
3–4 shakes cayenne pepper

Mash the cheese well with the cream until softened. Add the softened butter, cognac and cayenne pepper. Whip to a smooth fluffy mixture. Fill puffs with 1 rounded teaspoon of mixture. This makes enough filling for about 60 puffs.

Chicken-Walnut Mousse

2 large breasts of chicken, cooked
½ cup mayonnaise
1–2 tablespoons heavy cream
Salt, pepper to taste
10 large walnut halves, chopped
6 tablespoons whipped cream



Charming ideas for a country wedding at home

"A real homemade wedding," was the request of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Thurston's daughter Susan, so her mother, an interior designer, devised and carried out a simple country wedding with echoes of old England that was both original and a joyous celebration. As the wedding at the Thurstons' home in Katonah, N. Y., was in late August, zinnias were the chosen theme. Bridesmaids wore long linen dresses in pink, orange, rose and yellow, with sashes and tiny medieval pillboxes, carried zinnia bouquets. The flower girls had baskets of zinnias, flung the petals like confetti. After the ceremony, guests were welcomed with drinks and hors d'oeuvres in a Camelot-like yellow-and-white striped tent in the garden, which held the bar and small tables with zinnia-colored cloths. Baskets of zinnias were disposed inside and out and the center pole decked like a maypole with zinnia-colored streamers. Later, a table was revealed, piled with wicker baskets tied with zinnia-colored ribbons, each holding an individual picnic supper of cold chicken, French bread, cheese, white grapes and a small *fiasco* of wine, to be eaten at tables or on the grass, as the guests chose. As darkness fell, the finishing touch appeared—a table bearing the wedding cake and a platter of individual plum puddings. The bride cut the cake, the groom flamed the puddings with brandy and the guests toasted in champagne the happy couple and a wedding party that was a true labor of love.

Grind the chicken breasts very fine twice. Mix with the mayonnaise and cream. Season with salt and pepper. Add the walnuts and fold in the whipped cream. This makes enough filling for 50 puffs.

Smoked Salmon Mousse

8 large slices smoked salmon
4 tablespoons butter, softened
2 teaspoons prepared horseradish
Freshly ground black pepper
½ cup whipped cream

Chop or grind the salmon to make a paste. Add the softened butter, horseradish and pepper. Fold in the whipped cream. Fill the puffs. This makes enough filling for 50 puffs.

Wedding eve dinners

In the following menus, the recipes for the main dishes are designed to make meal-planning easy. Both have a rich sauce, so all they need by way of accompaniment is a mixed green or cold vegetable salad or a hot vegetable with butter sauce plus hot rolls or French bread. A simple soup or first course and a light fruit dessert with cookies or a fruit tart round out the meal. Either of these dinners could be served on the eve of the wedding when no formal dinner has been planned; or they would make good Friday night meals for weekend guests since the main dishes may be made ahead of time and reheated, a great advantage to the hostess without help. The recipes given in the following dinner menus are for 8, but they may be halved, doubled or tripled according to the guest list.

MENU FOR DINNER #1

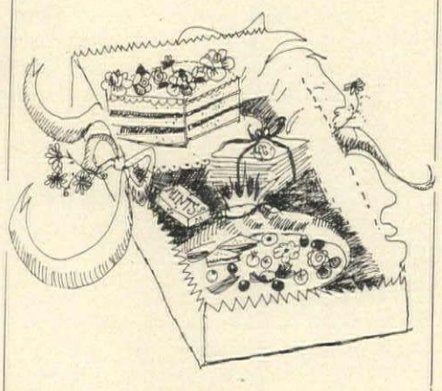
HOT CHICKEN BROTH WITH AVOCADO SLICES
SOLE AU GRATIN*
COLD STRING BEAN SALAD,
OIL AND VINEGAR DRESSING
HOT ROLLS
APRICOT TART
DRY WHITE WINE SUCH AS SOAVE OR VERDICCHIO
COFFEE

Sole au Gratin

¾ pound butter
1 onion, chopped
1 stalk celery, chopped
1 small carrot, chopped
Bouquet garni (bay leaf, peppercorns, sprigs of parsley and thyme)
2 cups dry white wine
Salt, pepper
8 large fillets gray sole
4 tablespoons finely chopped shallots
2½ pounds mushrooms, ground or very finely chopped
6 tablespoons flour
1 cup light cream
¾ cup grated Gruyère cheese
Bread crumbs

Melt 3 tablespoons of the butter in a large shallow pan and add the chopped vegetables and bouquet garni. Steam until the vegetables are limp. Add the wine and 4 cups water and simmer 15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Poach sole fillets in this bouillon on top of the range for about 10 minutes, until firm and white.

Melt 6 tablespoons butter in a skillet and sauté the shallots and ground mushrooms together for 8 minutes. Butter 2 ovenproof dishes using 2 tablespoons butter for each. Place a layer of the mushrooms in the bottom of each dish. Drain fish, fold over lengthwise and arrange over the mushrooms. Strain the fish broth and reduce to 5 cups by rapid boiling. Make a sauce by melting 8 tablespoons butter in a saucepan and adding the flour and 5 cups fish broth. Stir until smooth and thickened. Stir in the cream and grated cheese. Pour the sauce over the fish. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and dot with butter. Brown under the broiler until golden and bubbly. Serves 8.



Wedding party inspirations

Although eating is hardly the *raison d'être* of a wedding party, everyone enjoys it more when the food is imaginative or presented in a different way. For afternoon receptions, the Portland, Ore., catering service Yours Truly provides cakes that, while traditionally iced, break with tradition inside—chocolate with mocha filling, orange sponge with orange filling, or a hazelnut torte with strawberries and whipped cream between the thin layers. In addition to the old dependable chicken sandwiches, they serve lots of little hot and cold tasties: tiny turnovers filled with pâté or a spinach mixture, silver-dollar-size toast cups filled with sour-creamed mushrooms, petits mignons (thin slices of beef filet rolled with butter, horseradish and mustard), even baby hamburgers on 2-inch buns. As a going-away gift to the bride and groom (usually too excited to eat at their own reception), Yours Truly provisions a white cardboard box with selected appetizers (choosing those that hold up well), plus nuts, mints, wedding cake. A second box holds champagne and two tulip-shaped crystal glasses. An unusual (and highly successful) wedding-eve party in the South was a barbecue picnic lighted by torches and bonfires. The hearty food (spitted roast beef, barbecued chicken, scalloped oysters, corn bread, salad, apple pie and ice cream) was served from trestle tables covered with gay cloths, eaten on benches or pillows on the ground to music supplied by red-coated musicians in a buckboard wagon, who played on for square dancing.



MENU FOR DINNER #2

LUMP CRAB MEAT COCKTAIL WITH
HOT COCKTAIL SAUCE
CHICKEN CUTLETS MARÉCHALE*
KASHA SLICED BUTTERED BEETS
FRENCH BREAD
HOT FRUIT COMPOTE (SELECTED CANNED FRUITS COMBINED WITH BANANAS, RAISINS, PRUNES) WITH COGNAC, IN A CHAFING DISH
YOUNG RED WINE SUCH AS BEAUJOLAIS
COFFEE

Chicken Cutlets Maréchale

4 slices white bread, crusts removed
½ cup (approximately) heavy cream
3 eggs, separated
Salt, pepper
½ teaspoon white pepper
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
4 double breasts of chicken, boned and ground
1 tablespoon butter, softened
1 small onion, ground or grated
Bread crumbs
14 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk
1 beef bouillon cube
4 shallots or 1 medium onion, minced
1 pound mushrooms, sliced
1 cup sour cream, warmed

Soak the bread in the cream, using enough cream to make a smooth paste. Add the egg yolks, 1 teaspoon salt, white pepper and nutmeg. Beat to blend. Mix with the finely ground chicken, softened butter and onion. Beat the egg whites until stiff and fold thoroughly into the chicken mixture. Shape into 2" rounds, 1" thick. Roll in bread crumbs. Heat butter as needed (you will need 8 tablespoons in all) and sauté cakes gently for about 8–10 minutes on each side.

Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a saucepan. When butter is hot, add the flour and cook gently 3–4 minutes. Add the milk and cook stirring until sauce is thick and smooth. Dilute the bouillon cube in the sauce. Sauté the shallots and sliced mushrooms in the remaining butter (add more butter, if needed) in a separate pan. Season with salt and pepper. Strain the cream sauce into the mushroom mixture and simmer a minute or two. Add the heated sour cream. Pour over the cutlets. This dish may be reheated. If the sauce separates, add a little heavy cream. Serves 8.

Bachelor dinner

The bachelor dinner requires solider fare than the predominantly light recipes suggested so far. The following menu might also be used for any special occasion that calls for a rather robust dinner, or during the Christmas holidays.

MENU

BOULA-BOULA (PEA AND TURTLE SOUP WITH SHERRY TOPPED WITH SALTED WHIPPED CREAM)

ROASTED SIRLOIN SHELL OF BEEF WITH TRUFFLE SAUCE* RED BURGUNDY

POTATOES ANNA*

CASSEROLE OF EGGPLANT, SQUASH AND TOMATOES*

ORANGE AND ROMAINE SALAD

DEEP DISH APPLE PIE WITH CHEDDAR CHEESE

CHAMPAGNE COFFEE

Roasted Sirloin Shell of Beef with Truffle Sauce

10-pound sirloin shell of beef
4 shallots
1 large onion
1 carrot
1 stalk celery
1 cup white wine
2 cups beef bouillon
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 teaspoon cornstarch
4–5 truffles, minced

Roast the shell of beef with the shallots, onion, carrot and celery in a 400° oven for 20 minutes. Reduce the heat to 350° and continue roasting for another 40–50 minutes, or until a meat thermometer registers 140°. Halfway through the cooking time, add the white wine, but do not baste the beef. When the beef is done to taste, remove and keep warm. Add the bouillon to the pan and deglaze pan over low heat. Add the tomato paste and simmer a few minutes. Dilute cornstarch with a little cold water and add. Stir until the sauce is very slightly thickened. Strain and add the minced truffles. Serve sauce separately. Serves 8.

Potatoes Anna

10 medium Idaho potatoes
½ pound butter, melted
Salt, freshly ground black pepper

Peel and slice potatoes into even rounds. Put in salted ice water until ready to use. Generously butter two 8" pie plates. Dry the potatoes thoroughly and arrange them in the pie plates in a circle with the rounds overlapping. Pour melted butter over each layer, salting lightly and peppering generously. Continue until dishes are full. Preheat oven to 400° and bake potatoes until crusty and brown. Invert on round platters and cut like a pie. Serves 8.

Casserole of Eggplant, Squash and Tomatoes

½–¾ cup olive oil
6 onions, sliced
2 small eggplants, washed and diced
2 large zucchini, washed and diced
2 medium summer squash, washed and diced
Salt, pepper, thyme, coriander
1 teaspoon dried basil
6 tomatoes, chopped

Heat the olive oil in a large iron skillet or casserole. Cook the onions on low heat until transparent, about 10 minutes. Dry the eggplant, zucchini and squash well and add to the onions. Stir well and cook covered for 20 minutes. Season with salt, pepper, a good pinch of thyme, a little coriander (just enough to cover the point of a knife) and basil. Add the chopped tomatoes and cook again covered for 20 minutes. Uncover the pan and cook 10–15 minutes, or until some of the moisture disappears. Transfer the vegetable mixture to an earthenware casserole and serve. Serves 8.

Bridesmaids' luncheon

The main dish for this luncheon is rich and needs only a salad and soft rolls, a fruit dessert. It might also be served at a bridge luncheon.

MENU

EGGS ALEXANDRA*

GREEN SALAD WITH THINLY SLICED RAW ZUCCHINI AND RADISHES, OIL AND VINEGAR DRESSING FLAVORED WITH TARRAGON

ROLLS

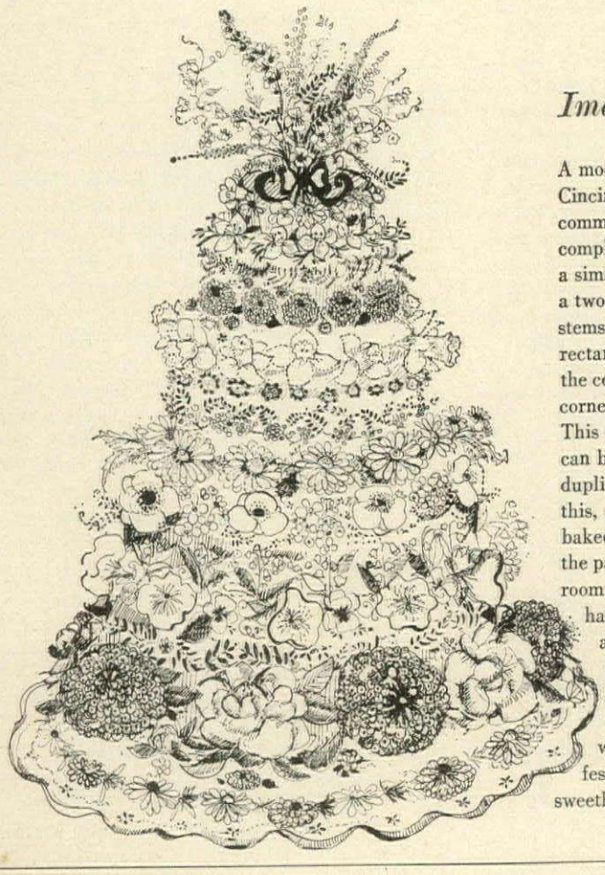
RASPBERRIES WITH SOUR CREAM

COFFEE

Eggs Alexandra

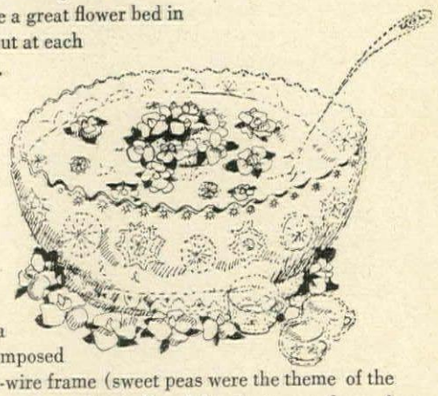
12 large hard-cooked eggs
Butter
3 shallots or 1 small onion, minced
1 cup ground mushrooms
Salt, pepper
1 cup ground ham
6 cups cream sauce
1 cup bread crumbs

Halve the eggs lengthwise. Scoop out the yolks and strain through a fine strainer. Heat 4 tablespoons butter in a frying pan and sauté shallots and mushrooms for 5 minutes. Season with a little salt and a lot of pepper. Cool a little. Mix with the ham and sieved yolks. Add 1 cup of the sauce and season to taste. Fill the egg whites with the mixture, reshaping as for a full egg. Sprinkle well with bread crumbs. If any yolk mixture is left, add to the remaining sauce. Pour some of the sauce into a buttered baking dish, arrange the eggs in it and pour the remaining sauce over them. Sprinkle with rest of crumbs and dot with butter. Bake in a 375° preheated oven until hot and golden. Serves 6.



Imaginative centerpieces for wedding tables

A mock wedding cake composed entirely of flowers, suggested by Jones the Florist, of Cincinnati, makes an enchanting buffet centerpiece, sure to catch the eyes and comments of the guests. The underpinnings are simply rings of Styrofoam or dampened moss completely covered with large and small blossoms stuck in with toothpicks. You can get a similar effect by inverting a small hatbox on top of a large one to imitate a two-tier cake form, punching holes in them and then inserting the flower stems. Another innovation spotted at a Houston wedding was a large, rectangular cake—real this time—decorated like a great flower bed in the center of the table, with quarter circles cut out at each corner and replaced by pots of lily-of-the-valley. This departure from the normal tiered cake can be carried out in a cake of a shape that duplicates the design of the cloth. To effect this, make a plywood pattern, place the baked cake on it, cut in the shape of the pattern and frost. If there is not enough room for flowers on a buffet table, simply hang baskets of wire or bamboo over it and fill them with geraniums, marguerites, fuchsias. Or copy a charming idea seen at a Southern wedding: a huge wedding bell composed entirely of sweet peas massed on a chicken-wire frame (sweet peas were the theme of the wedding with the bridesmaids' dresses in sweet-pea colors). Punch bowls, too, can be made festive with flowers: Float tiny blossoms (vanda orchids, small gardenias, stephanotis, open sweetheart roses) Polynesian style on the surface, cluster them on the block of ice in the center.





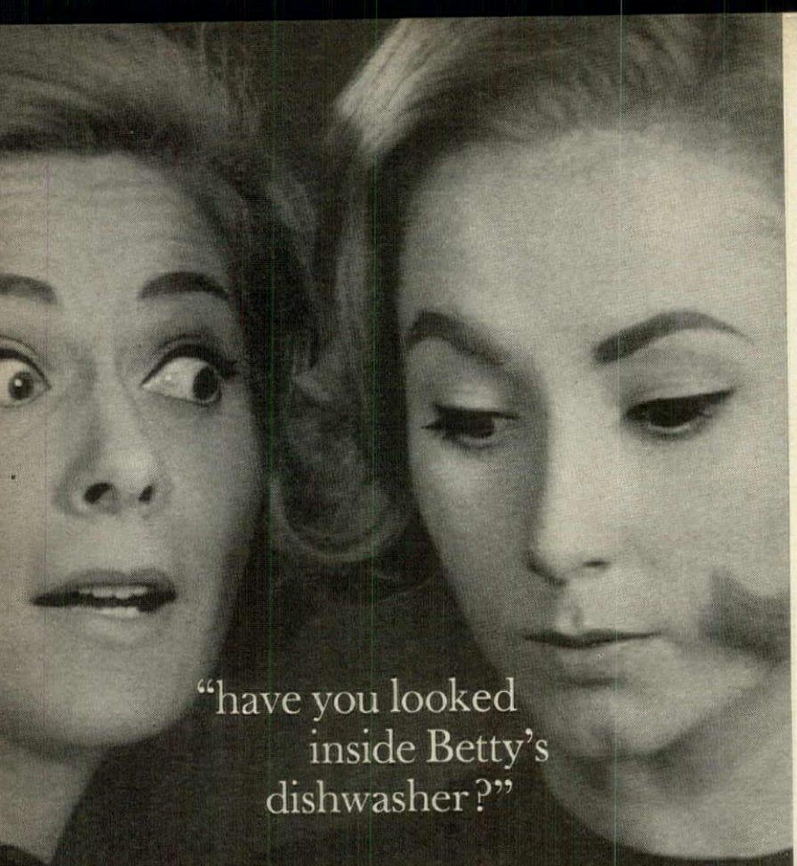
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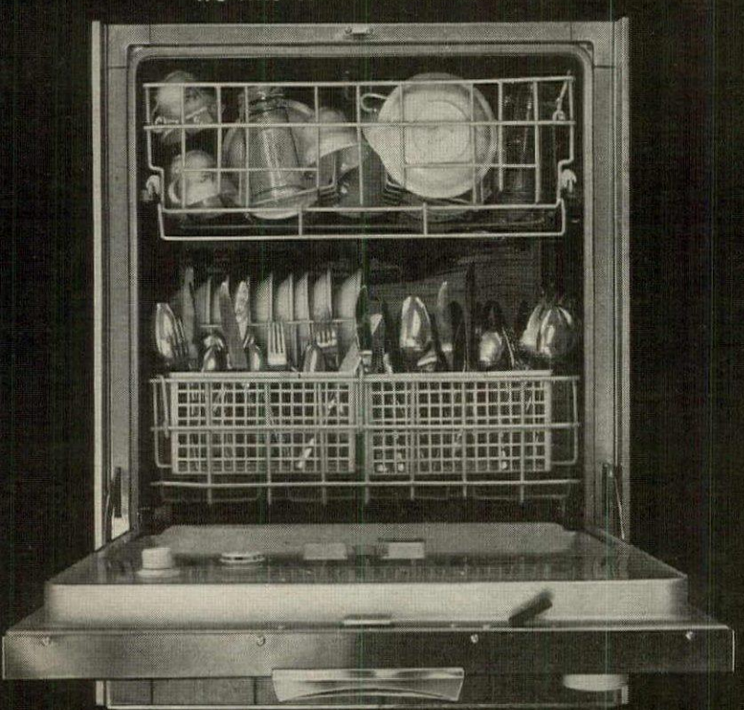
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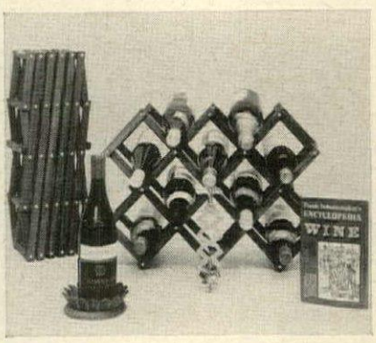
Please a couple with contemporary tastes by assembling a varied group of American wines, two books on the subject, a wood wine rack painted vivid citron yellow, an ejector-type corkscrew.

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6. A typical wine from the Rheingau—a Schloss Vollrads or a Schloss Johannisberger.
7. An Italian wine—a light Valpolicella or a rougher, heavier wine, such as a Barolo.
8. A wine from Spain or Portugal—a Rioja or a Vinho Verde.
9. Two representative American wines, such as a California Pinot Noir or Emerald Dry Riesling and a white wine from the Finger Lakes area of New York State.
10. Naturally, a great champagne of a fabled year.

The next book I would recommend is the fourth revised edition of Alexis Lichine's "Wines of France" (Alfred A. Knopf, 1964, $5.95), one of the standards in the field since its appearance in 1951. Alexis Lichine is a chatelain and importer as well as an expert writer in the field. He has enormous and honest enthusiasm about his subject and has written a highly readable book, filled with delightful lore of the various wine districts, along with suggestions for serving, excellent maps and general advice. Since Mr. Lichine makes a specialty of French wines, I think his book—if it is to be a wedding gift—should be accompanied by a case of rather fancy French vintages:

1. One or two wines from Lichine's own vineyards, say Château Prieuré-Lichine and a Château Lascombes.
2. Three Bordeaux—a fine Médoc or Graves, a St. Émilion, and a Pomerol. Two of these should be of a fine year. Select one of the two to be reserved for an anniversary dinner, and write a note to accompany it.
3. One of the great Bordeaux Sauternes, served as a dessert wine.
4. A bottle of outstanding Chablis—a young one.
5. One of the great white Burgundies, a Meursault or a Montrachet, or perhaps a Chassagne-Montrachet.
6. An excellent Chambertin or a Vosne-Romanée.



Team a novice's tasting of wines from around the world with Frank Schoonmaker's definitive encyclopedia, a folding rack (in either of two sizes), zigzag corkscrew and tôle wine coaster.



Flatter wine enthusiasts with Alexis Lichine's book on French wines, a sampling of vintages, a workmanlike galvanized honeycomb rack, white ceramic wine coaster and the basic corkscrew used by wine waiters.

7. Perhaps a Nuits-St. Georges.
8. A red Chassagne-Montrachet—for the game of comparison, if you have already decided to include the white.
9. From the Beaujolais district—a Fleurie, a Juliénas or a Moulin-à-Vent.

This is a fabulous list, and one that any young couple should be delighted to drink their way through.

Any wine cellar and library should certainly take into account our own fine American wines. Greyton Taylor, one of the best wine producers of New York State, has written an extremely useful book, "Treasury of Wine and Wine Cookery" (Harper & Row, 1963, $5.95), which covers his experience as a wine grower and presents his general views on wine, together with a large number of recipes for cooking with wine. Robert Lawrence Balzer's "The Pleasures of Wine" (Bobbs-Merrill, 1964, $8.50) is entertaining and informative and concentrates on the wines of California, where the author lives. Again, recipes are included.

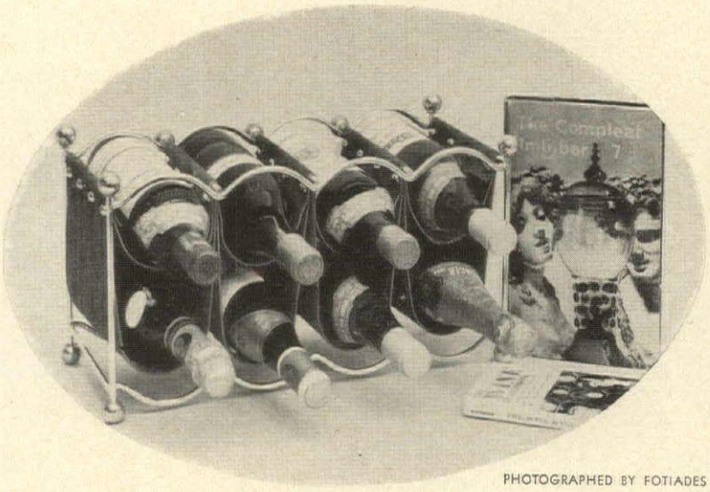
With either the Taylor or the Balzer book, I would send a case of mixed California and New York State wines, such as:

1. A fine Cabernet Sauvignon.
2. An excellent Pinot Noir.
3. A Zinfandel.
4. A Johannisberg Riesling.
5. A Chenin Blanc or White Pinot.
6. A Grignolino Rosé.
7. A fine champagne, perhaps the Almadén Blanc de Blancs.
8. Great Western's new Vin Blanc Sec.
9. One of the true American varietals—an Elvira or Catawba.
10. A wine from the High Tor vineyards.
11. A flowery gewürztraminer.
12. A dessert wine—a New York State trockenbeerenauslese.

It is impossible to estimate the cost of any of these suggested wine collections because the prices of wines vary widely. The best thing is to decide on a budget and consult your wine dealer on selecting wines within it.

For the wine library alone, I would add "The Wine Handbook" (Hawthorn Books, 1964, $2.50) by the British publisher and authority George Rainbird. This pocket-sized volume is a mere 6½ by 4 inches, handy to take along when traveling abroad as its coverage of wines is world-wide. Not just the well-known wine-producing countries, but also Algeria, Malta, Crete, Turkey, Egypt, Luxembourg, the Iron Curtain countries, Australia and South Africa are included.

Finally, to encourage an interest in the perfect marriage of wine and food, you might send the young marrieds a subscription to the British quarterly, "Wine & Food" which can be ordered from Condé Nast Publications Inc., Greenwich, Conn., and costs $4 a year. Two companion books on the arts of eating and drinking, with articles and essays by writers such as Evelyn Waugh, Joseph Wechsberg, Elizabeth David, Cyril Ray, Hugh Johnson and André Simon, are: "The House & Garden Wine Book" English edition (this may be ordered from House & Garden, Greenwich, Conn., for $1.50), and "The Compleat Imbiber" (seventh edition, Studio Vista, $7.50), a collection of witty, well-written essays published yearly in England. It can be ordered, plus postage, from the British Book Centre, 122 East 55th Street, New York, N. Y., 10022.



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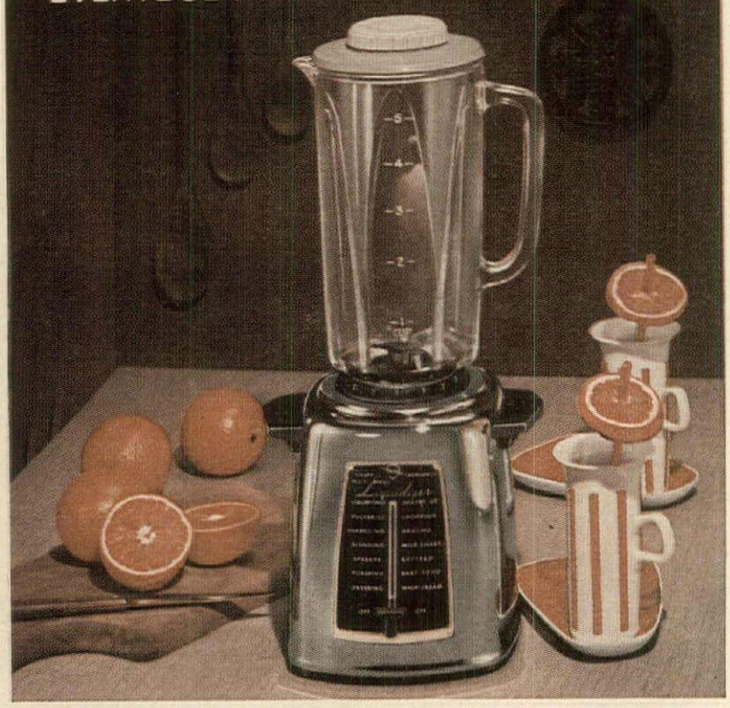
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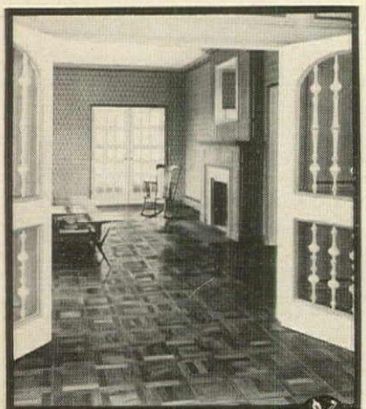
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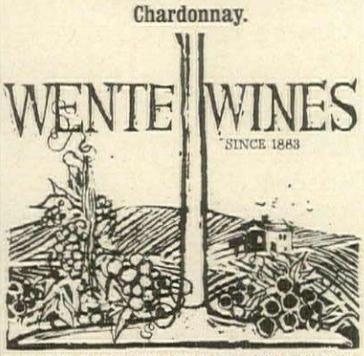


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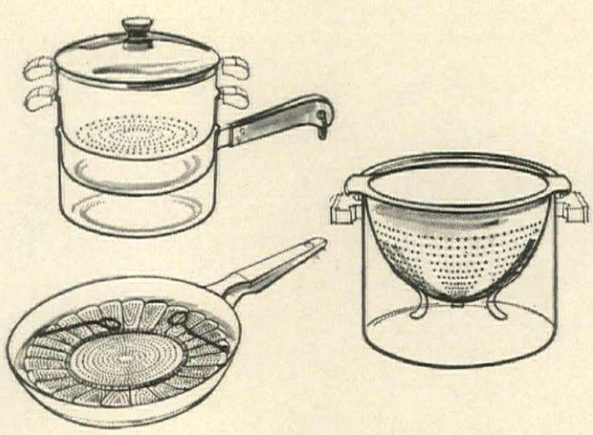
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Boiling, steaming and poaching

Boiling, steaming, simmering and poaching are allied methods of cooking with water and other liquids. Water boils when it reaches a temperature of 212° F. at sea level (the temperature decreases 1° for every 500 feet of altitude) and bubbles rise to the surface and break. There are different boils—fast, medium and slow. In a fast boil, the liquid seethes, rolls, rises and vaporizes. This kind of boil is called for when a stock has to be reduced rapidly by evaporation, or in steaming to produce sufficient volume of vapor to cook the food. With a medium boil, the heat is not so intense and the water reduces more slowly. In a slow boil, almost a simmer, the bubbles just break the surface. Simmering water, just below the boiling point, moves gently and the bubbles break below the surface. This is the temperature for cooking stews and sauces, soups and meats or poultry. In poaching, the temperature is still lower and the liquid does not bubble at all, but barely shivers—the French call this a *faible ébullition*. Fish, quenelles and eggs are usually poached.

Boiling and steaming

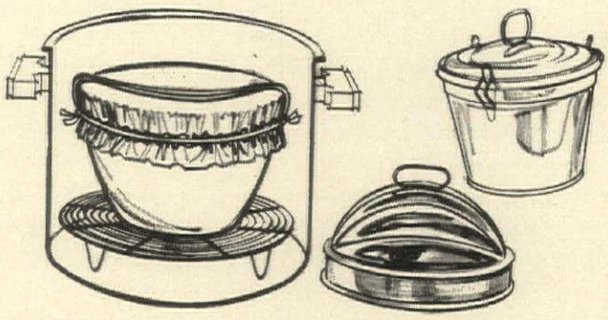
The word boiled as applied to certain foods is a misnomer. Boiled beef and chicken are not boiled at all, but simmered after being brought to a boil, for boiling would disintegrate the muscle fibers and make them dry and stringy. Fish is never boiled, but hardshelled crab and lobster are—they should be plunged into piping hot water or court bouillon and cooked at a rolling boil. Pasta (noodles, macaroni, spaghetti) needs to be cooked in large amounts of rapidly boiling salted water so that the starch granules in the durum wheat paste have room to swell (a tablespoon of oil added to the water stops them sticking to the bottom of the pan).



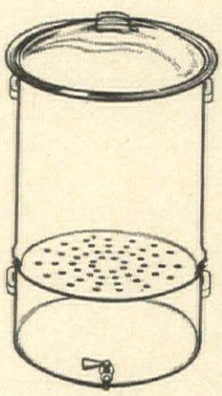
Steamers may be bought or improvised. Three-piece saucepan, top left, has steamer, double boiler inserts. By Revere. About $20. Makeshift steamer, above right, is a colander set in a deep kettle. Colander by Wear-Ever Aluminum. $2.69.* Steam basket, above left, with adjustable sides and legs fits in saucepan or skillet. La Cuisinière, $2.25.*

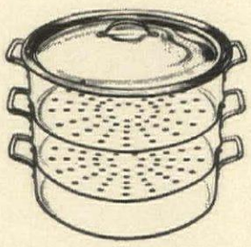
Vegetables are mostly boiled uncovered in order to release in the steam strong flavors and odors and the acids liberated by cooking. Generally speaking, the amount of water used to cook vegetables is a matter of preference, but artichokes and corn need a deep pan and plenty of liquid, leaf spinach and shredded cabbage are best if cooked in minimum water (spinach only in the water that clings to the leaves after washing), while most other vegetables are cooked in water to cover. You may also steam vegetables over boiling water. This works particularly well for tender young vegetables and frozen vegetables, besides retaining the nutrients that would otherwise be transferred to the water. Herbs added to the steaming water give flavor.

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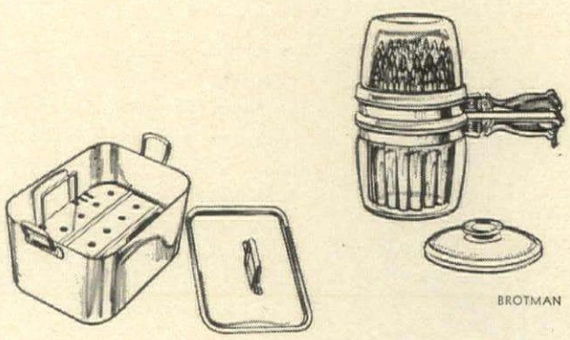
Equipment for steamed puddings includes deep kettle, rack, pudding mold or basin. Tin melon and tube molds, above right, have tight lids, handles. English pudding basin, above left, should be foil-covered with string tied under rim, over top for handle. Basin, $3; melon mold, $5.50; tube mold, $3.75, La Cuisinière. Rack, $1.25, Bazar Français.





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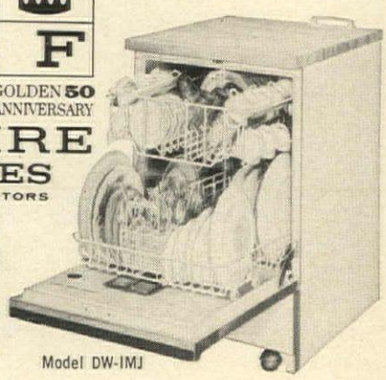
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Boiling—or boiling water—also figures in blanching and scalding. Blanching, in which food is immersed in boiling water and allowed to steep or cook slightly, removes strong flavors, odors and bitterness from such foods as salt pork, cabbage and endive. It also loosens the skins of nuts. Scalding, where the food is briefly submerged in boiling water, then removed and plunged into cold water, is a form of blanching used for vegetables that are to be frozen and as a means of loosening the skins of tomatoes and peaches without actually cooking them.

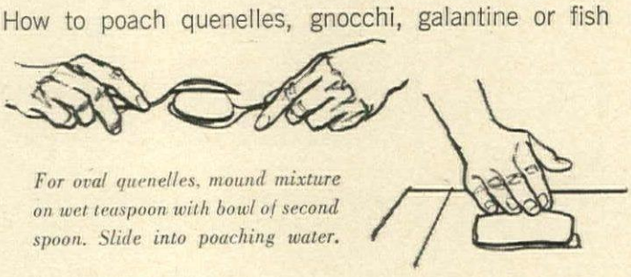
In steaming, the food is not cooked in the boiling liquid, but above it, either in a perforated steamer or the top of a double boiler, by direct contact with steam or the heat it generates. Steaming is a longer, gentler process than boiling. It keeps fish and vegetables firm, dries and separates the grains of rice and other cereals and opens the shells of clams and mussels without overcooking the tender meat or dissipating the juices. Puddings such as Christmas puddings, suet puddings and sponges are also steamed. For this you fill a buttered mold or pudding basin two-thirds to three-quarters full with the pudding mixture (the leeway allows for expansion) and cover it with the lid or a piece of aluminum foil. You then place the mold or basin in the top of a steamer or on a rack in a deep kettle over boiling water (if a rack is used, the water should come no more than halfway up the sides of the mold) and steam it, covered, for the specified time. As the water cooks away, you add more boiling water.

Simmering and poaching

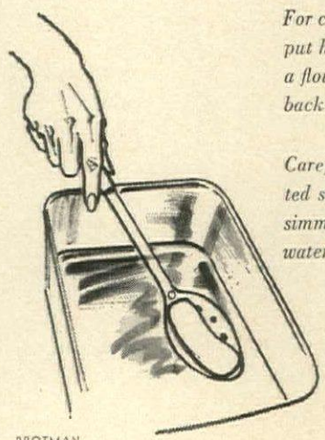
These methods are so closely related that about the best way to distinguish them is to say that in simmering the face of the water shows a grin, while in poaching there is no more than a smile. (For large fish, the water should grin, for fillets, smile.)

Poaching may be done on top of the stove or in the oven. Whole birds and fish, galantines and ballottines, gnocchi and

How to poach quenelles, gnocchi, galantine or fish



For oval quenelles, mound mixture on wet teaspoon with bowl of second spoon. Slide into poaching water.

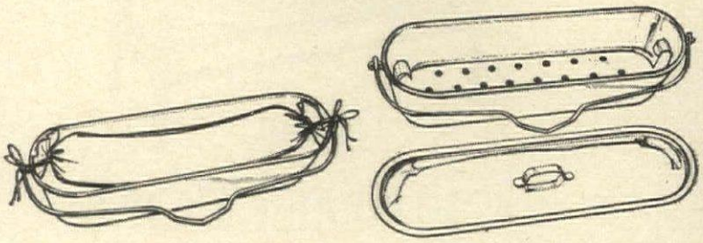


For cylindrical quenelles or gnocchi, put heaping teaspoon of mixture on a floured board. Roll into ball, then back and forth into a cork shape.

Carefully lower quenelles with slotted spoon into a deep pan of barely simmering water. Poach, without water boiling, until firm to touch.

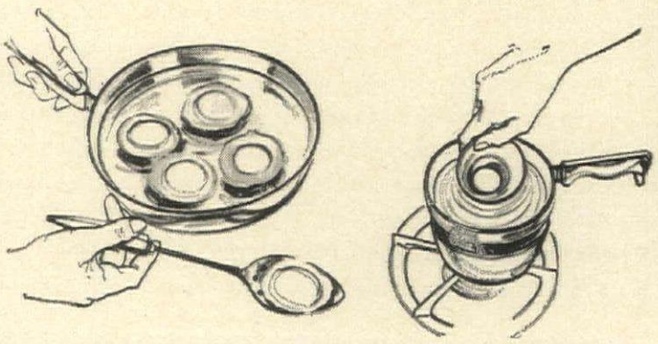
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quenelles, which need large pans and plenty of liquid, are cooked on top of the stove, so are eggs and fruits poached in wine and sugar syrup. Fish fillets are usually cooked in the oven in a buttered fireproof dish after the poaching liquid in the dish has been brought almost to a simmer on top of the stove. (Buttered wax paper on top of the fillets prevents their drying out.)

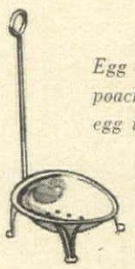


Wrap galantine (boned, stuffed, rolled poultry or meat) in aluminum foil and cloth. Tie ends with string; string to handles of fish cooker, so roll is suspended, covered, in simmering liquid. For whole fish, wrap in cheesecloth, poach on rack. Tinned steel cooker, La Cuisinière, $27.50.

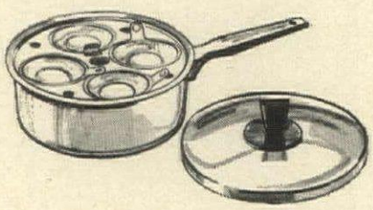
Five ways to poach eggs



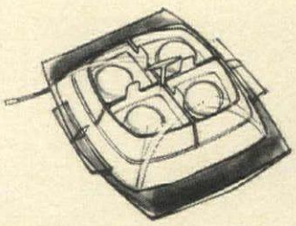
To poach in skillet, have 2" of water simmering. Break egg into custard cup, touch rim to water, slide egg in. Poach; remove with slotted spoon. For saucepan method, stir large amount of simmering water to whirlpool with spoon, slide egg into it. To firm whites, add vinegar to water or dip unshelled egg briefly into boiling water before poaching.



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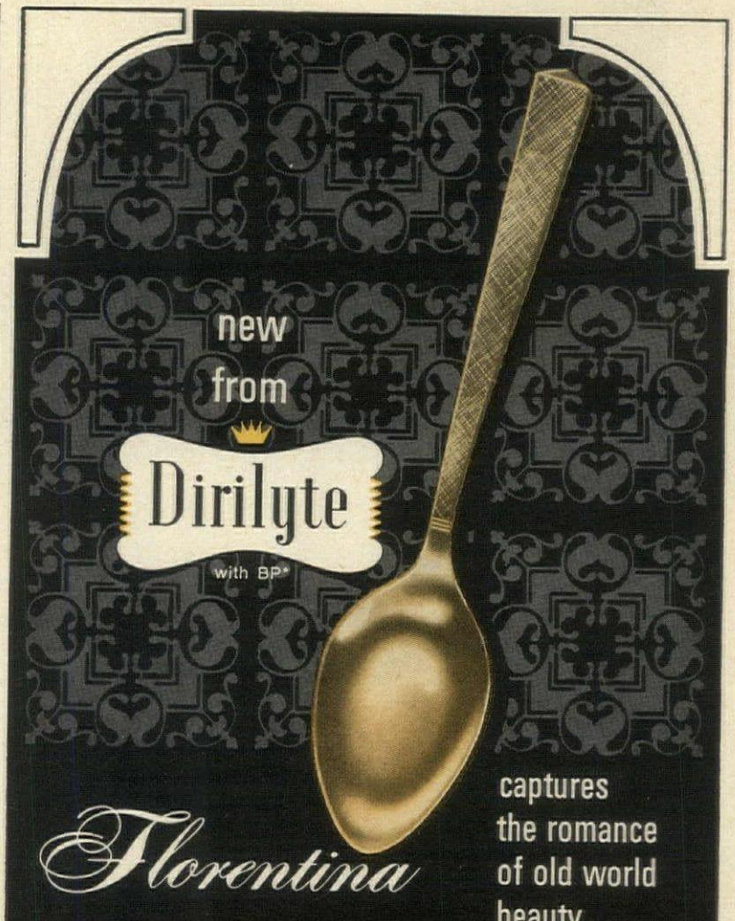


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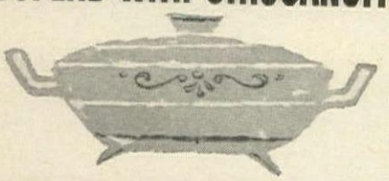
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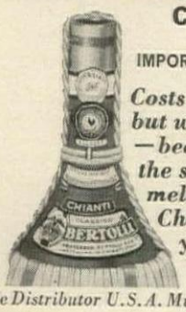
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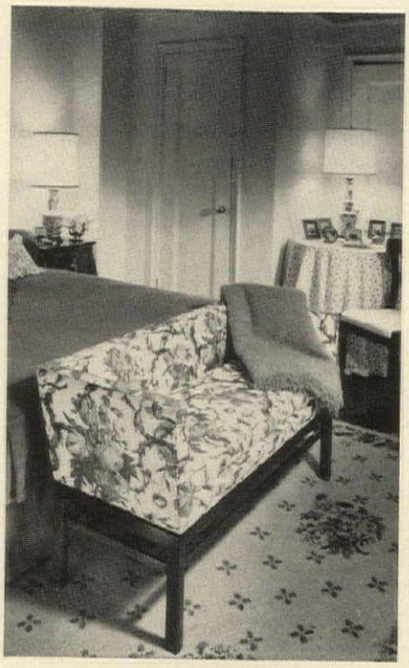


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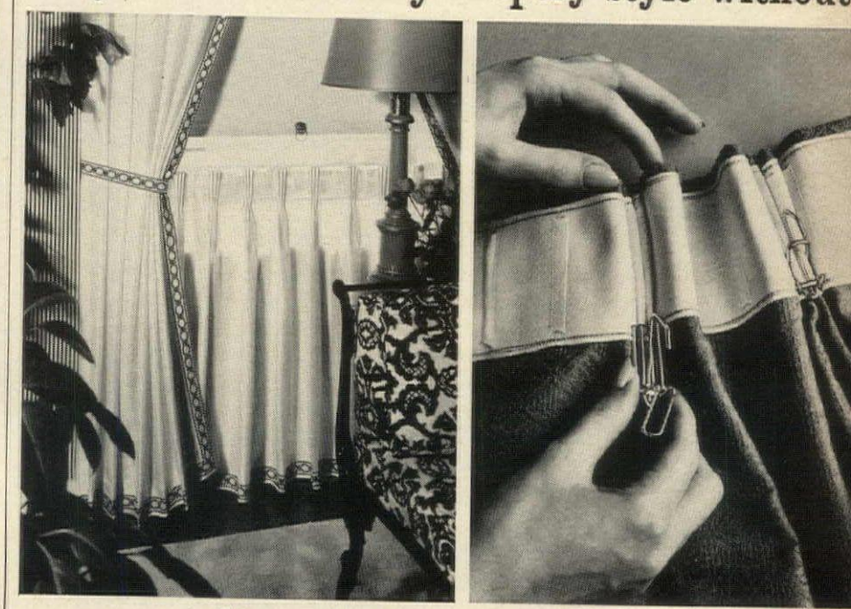
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In a living-dining room at party time, you might draw the settee up to the table to make a comfortable seat for two. After dinner, settee and chairs would compose a companionable grouping for good conversation.



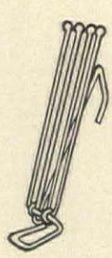
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How to feel at home abroad:

10 traveling aids



Broadly speaking, there are two ways of traveling. The young and intrepid can be perfectly happy with little more than a sleeping bag and a toothbrush. But for the less adventurous, travel is a joy only when the amenities of home (and often, the office) are at hand in reasonable facsimile. Here are ten portable servants—mostly for women, but some for men—to keep a traveler well-coifed, pressed and spotless, refreshed and fed, cool, pearly toothed, on time, and efficient.



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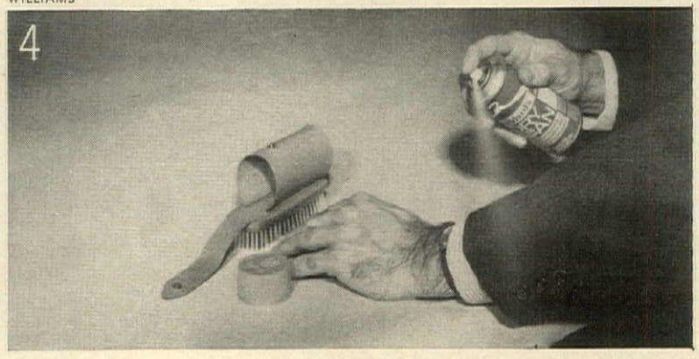
2 About as big as a hardback "Gulliver's Travels," the Dictaphone Travel-Master weighs only 5 pounds and operates on rechargeable nickel-cadmium batteries that last the life of the machine. A new device called a Dictabelt records 15 minutes of dictation (the machine records for four hours without recharging) and can be mailed in a standard envelope. By Dictaphone. $340.

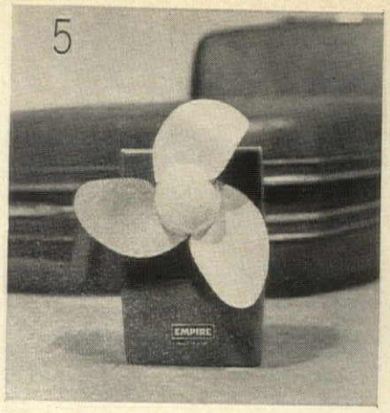


3 Designed for teen-agers, this dryer is smaller than many handbags and travels like a dream. If she likes, the young lady can strap the case over her shoulder and stand or walk about—at least to the length of the cord—while her curls get set for the prom. 120 volts AC, four temperatures, simulated alligator case. By Universal. $24.95.

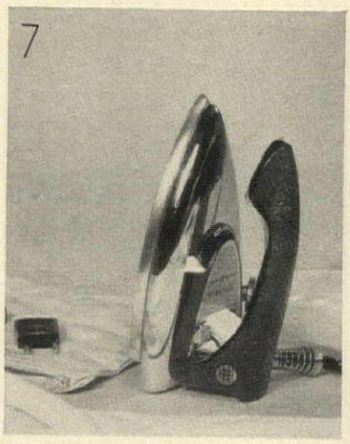
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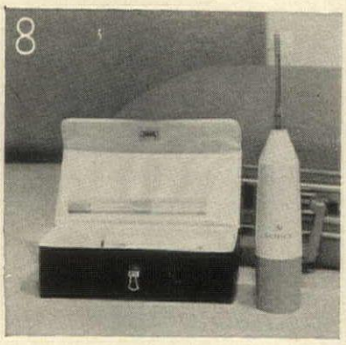


Dry Clean spray—England's answer to what to do about spots in a hurry. $5.95.

5 Cordless electric fan in bright blue with white vinyl blades can be held in the hand or perched on a desk. In either case, the breeze is a lively one. Two flashlight batteries run this ½-pound midget. By Empire. $5.95.

6 World Travel Clock not only tells the local time of day, but—if you twist the dial—the hour in 24 time zones throughout the world. Brass fittings, simulated leather case, handy side shut-off for the alarm. By Westclox. $9.98.

7 Travel iron goes right around the world with adaptor plugs to make it a spray, steam or dry iron in any country with electricity. Thermostatically controlled, lightweight, complete with travel bag. General Electric. $14.95.



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9 Instant coffee and tea brewer of heat-and-break-resistant plastic holds 5 cups, plugs in anywhere state-side. Cover stays on, walnut handle stays cool. 120 volts AC. Presto. $11.95. Centura mugs.

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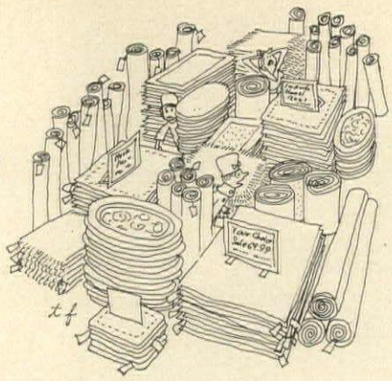




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Questions and answers on buying carpets

Buying a new carpet or rug should never be an impulse purchase—either for the novice or for the seasoned homemaker. For carpeting is a major investment and undoubtedly you want yours to wear like iron, look like a dream at all times, clean like a handkerchief and not cost the earth.

The marvelous developments in soft floor coverings in the last decade have brought forth numerous new fibers and an entirely new vocabulary, not to mention a barrage of claims for super-properties which might easily confuse you to the point of not believing anything a carpet salesman says. Small wonder that veterans and tyros alike find carpet-shopping a puzzlement. To help clear things up, H&G has talked to leading manufacturers and retailers from coast to coast, and reduced the information we gleaned to a handful of questions and answers on how to buy a carpet intelligently and with confidence.

What is the first thing to consider?

Color. Since the floor is one of the largest areas in the room, its color will inevitably shift the balance of your color scheme, emphasizing certain hues, diminishing the impact of others. If you are furnishing a room from scratch, the carpeting can be the keynote of the whole. If you are looking for carpet to work into a room already furnished, take along samples of the most important fabrics and paint colors and try to keep in mind the size of the floor area in relation to the other colored surfaces. You don't have to make a positive color choice before you start shopping, but a little prethinking will save a great deal of time and the agony of indecision.

Should I buy wall-to-wall carpet or rugs?

That depends. A completely carpeted room looks more spacious because of the unbroken expanse of color and texture. Wall-to-wall installations work magic on strangely shaped or badly proportioned rooms. The feeling of ubiquitous luxury underfoot is pleasant, too. Fully carpeted rooms also make an excellent selling point if you put your house on the market. If you are renting an apartment, however, wall-to-wall is not always practical; you may not be able to sell it when you move, although you can re-cut it.

On the other hand, if your floors are in good condition, properly sized area rugs can accent them beautifully, and today you will find an endless selection of rugs in unusual sizes and shapes. Wall-to-wall carpet in one room and a rug in the room adjoining (in compatible color and style, of course), can be very effective and will give you the best of two important decorating trends.

Which are the most practical—solid colors or patterns, textures or plain weaves?

There is no question but that twists, tweedy mixtures, multicolors and patterns show soil less than deep-pile plain weaves in solid colors. What's more, very dark colors require as much care as pastels. But don't let practicality take away the fun of owning the color, pattern or texture you really like—you will only be bored with your choice and the room will seem uninspired.

Where is the best place to buy carpet?

In the best, most reliable and reputable department, furniture or carpet specialty store in your area. The "best buys" are usually to be had at the prestige stores. Moreover a fine store with a good reputation for fair dealing will stand behind every sale because it buys only from reputable manufacturers who assume the responsibility for faulty merchandise. Never hesitate to ask the carpet salesman for a firm delivery date and information about installation methods, store service and credit terms. Legitimate stores usually offer such information without prompting.

Many fine stores, however, have limited carpet stocks, so shop around before making up your mind. Some stores offer an in-the-

home shopping service so you can see how your selection will look with your other furnishings. But visit the store first to look over the stock before choosing samples to "audition" at home.

Do not, however, confuse this type of service with the door-to-door salesman who turns up unsolicited or with telephone offers of free installation for you if you can produce friends who are good prospects.

What about offers of free padding and installation?

Some very reliable stores offer a "package" or "installed" price which includes underlay and actual installation for wall-to-wall carpet, and they will be happy to give you an itemized breakdown of this total cost. But offers of "free" underlay or installation from the freewheeling carpet retailer who works from his hat or on the telephone are suspect indeed. Nothing is "free," and with such dealers you will have no recourse in case adjustments are called for.

How much should I expect to pay for carpet?

As much as you can afford. Cheap carpeting is the *most* expensive buy since you will have to replace it all too soon. Carpet authorities recommend that you put the lion's share of your budget in carpeting for those areas where it will take the worst punishment. You don't have to be an engineer to figure out the danger zones—heavily traveled hallways and rooms devoted to "fixed" activities such as TV-viewing, dining, etc. Specific prices can be misleading, but, generally speaking, it is not advisable to go below $10 a yard, installed (for carpeting of man-made fibers—you will not find good wool at that price). On the other hand, there is almost no upper limit if you want a very unusual color (most manufacturers offer custom-dye services at an increase in price per yard), an unusual shape or a special weave. But you are likely to find if you pay a little more than you bargained for, you will get a lot more satisfaction.

It makes good sense to level with the carpet salesman re the price you hope to pay. If he is a professional and reputable retailer, he will work within the framework of your budget.

What makes a carpet good?

The quality of the construction and the quantity of the fiber used. The deeper and denser the pile (with no backing visible), the better the fabric. Closely packed surface yarns greatly enhance the wearing characteristics because the tufts support each other and resist bending and abrasion.

What is the best carpet fiber?

This is a loaded question to which there is no pat answer! A top-grade wool carpet has no peer. Acrylic and nylon fibers, however, are highly recommended for the growing family with children and pets since they are more easily cleaned of spills and stains. Good quality cotton makes luscious-looking carpet, but not for heavily traveled areas as it soils easily (cleans beautifully, however). With the new technologies and weaving techniques, the top grade of any of the fibers will produce a good carpet, depending on where you plan to use it.

What kind of underlay?

There are two popular types: felted padding usually made of hair or hair and jute, and rubber padding. The weight of underlay you should have depends on the carpet you buy. The proper weight will greatly enhance the life of the carpet, but heavy padding will never compensate for poor quality in the carpet itself. On the other hand, if you indulge in ankle-deep pile, beware of laying it on a too thick rubber pad—it can be tiring to walk on despite the immediate feeling of luxury.

What is the best way to buy stair carpet?

Stair carpeting gets more wear at the edge of each step and will have to be replaced sooner than other carpeting. It is wise to buy additional yardage for replacement when you buy the original carpet for you may not be able to match it when the time comes. Folding extra carpet double on the landings with the intention of later shifting the carpet and cutting out the worn spots is not recommended—hard folds never come out and results are patchy.

How long should a carpet last?

How high is up? The good full life for a carpet or rug depends on many things such as the initial quality, the wear it is subjected to and the care you give it. Keeping it clean is the most important. Regular vacuuming and periodic professional cleaning (usually not necessary for eighteen months) will prolong the looks as well as the life of any carpet or rug. The experts believe an average carpet of good quality should give a minimum of ten years "prime" service, i.e., look as good as new! Experience has taught that well-cared-for carpets and rugs of good construction will last for many more.

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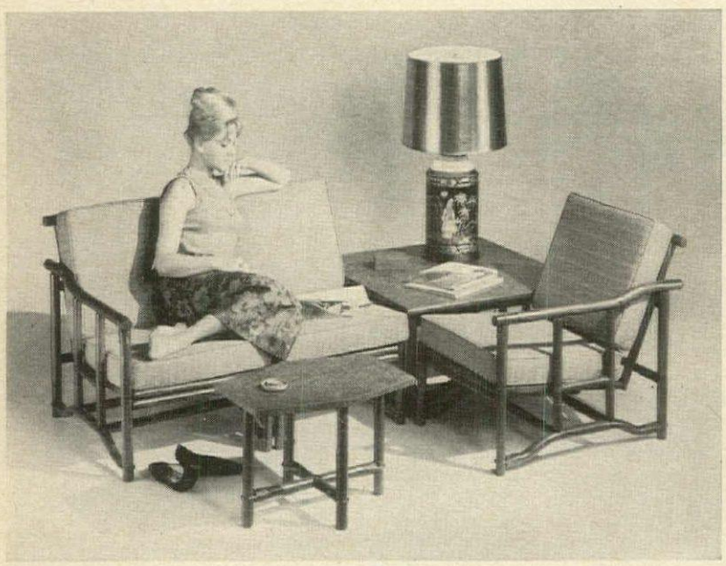
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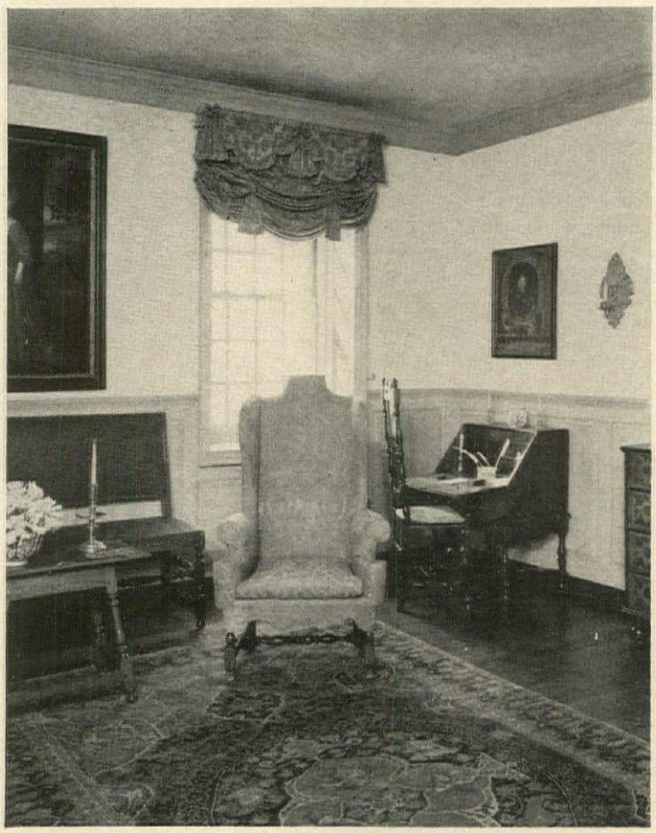
Timeless traditions for windows

The Austrian shade

A window adornment of graceful swags

Throughout the eighteenth century Austrian shades were used as a sumptuous window treatment for elegant living and dining rooms. Somewhat similar to a Roman shade, an Austrian shade has a softer, more delicate look since the fabric is shirred instead of pleated, creating scallops at the bottom. Originally these shades were made of rich materials such as the silk damasks that covered the chairs and sofas. Today, Austrian shades are more often made of lightweight, translucent fabrics—sheer casement, fine cotton percale, plissé, gingham—which will shirr in gentle gathers. Sheer fabrics also give you a shade that softly diffuses the light and creates a pretty effect on a wide expanse of fixed glass where you might keep the shade pulled down all day. The task of making Austrian shades at home has been considerably simplified by a splendid instruction booklet that comes with the special shade-making tapes, sold by the yard with pre-attached rings, which are made by Conso.

Original Austrian shades had an opulent air



TOM LEONARD

In the Winterthur Museum at Winterthur, Del., a window in Morattico Hall is hung with an Austrian shade of dark green silk damask to match the opulent furnishings of the room. The same fabric is used to cover the cornice as well as for the ruching and the jabots. This particular design was taken from an engraving made at about the same time that the house was built.

Today's Austrian shades are lighter, made of more translucent fabrics

GRIGSBY



A contemporary version of an Austrian shade in green and white gingham matches the gingham on the walls, ceiling and bed in Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Rubinstein's bedroom. Made without trimming, shade is set in window embrasure so that when pulled down at night, it looks like a headboard for the bed—an excellent device if you want to place a bed in front of a window in a small room. Anderson gingham. Interior designer: Burt Wayne.



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In the bay window of a dining area, Austrian shades of silky looking fabric diffuse the light and add softness without breaking up the sweep of glass as would clustered folds of draw curtains. Ready-made shades of American Bemberg rayon by Ellery. Dining furniture by American of Martinsville.

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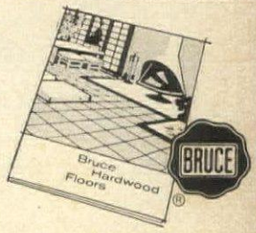
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The Long-room Problem

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Upholstery fabric, "Caribbean Poppy" 54" w. cotton, $4.95 yd. Cohama.

Swan chair. Fritz Hansen.*

Side chairs, rush seats and backs, walnut frames, 48" h. Nest of carved tables, brass tops. Bedside chest, carved walnut-finished pine, 23" h. All from Spanish Trading Center.*

Fir "Planktex" paneling. U. S. Plywood Corp.

Panelaire DecoraDoors. Panelboard Mfg. Co.

Canvas for awning and ceiling over dining area, acrylic coated cotton duck. Cooley, Inc.

Custom-made, room-darkening window shade (for living room). Joanna Western Mills Co.

Custom-made, laminated window shade (for bedroom). Window Shade Mfr. Assoc.

Carpet, in living room, "Catalan" cotton, 6′ x 9′, $99.95. Cabin Crafts. In bedroom, "Toreador," wool, $15.98 sq. yd. Roxbury Carpet Co.

Tablecloth, "Chive" 70" diam., linen, $8.95. Leacock & Co.

Lamp, on round table, satin chrome tube, slate base, 35" h. Nessen Lamps, Inc.*

Lamp, on bedside chest, white china, 28" h., $35. Wilmar Lamps.

Bedspread and drapery fabric, "Daisy Homestitch," embroidered-cotton, 94" w., $12.95 yd. Fringed bedspread, double, $37.50. Craig Mfg. Co.

Paintings from Babcock Galleries.

Carved walnut framed wall clock, mother-of-pearl and painted tôle decorator mat, marble face, porcelain numerals, $275. Lo Mejor De España, 137 E. 57th St., N. Y., N. Y., 10022

Terrace furniture by The Lloyd Mfg. Co., div. of Heywood-Wakefield.

Other accessories from Dessauer.*

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Everything available at Bloomingdale's, 59th & Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y., 10022

Fabric on walls, Tussah silk, $16.50 yd.

Rug, "Palkanetta" 4′ x 6′, wool, $279.

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Teak table, part of set of 4, $185 the set.

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Same Space: Two Kitchens

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Oven; rangetop, washer-dryer. RCA Whirlpool.

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Table-setting Wardrobes

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Flatware, "Williamsburg Pattern" sterling, 6-pc. place setting, $50. "Betsy Patterson" sterling soup ladle, $90. The Stieff Co.

Dinnerware, España china "Blanco" dinner plates, $3.50 ea.; cup and saucer, $3.30. Block China.

Glassware, tumblers, $18 doz. Bryce.

Pewter covered tureen and plate, imported from Italy, $125. Charles Willis, 3380 Peachtree Rd., NE, Atlanta, Ga., 30326

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Bottom left:

Flatware, glassware, tureen, as above.

Tablecloth, 72" diam., black and brown heavy cotton, $20. E. Braun, 717 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022

Pewter plates, $15 ea. Block China.

Trays, "Fibrilla" molded fiber glass, small geometric print, $1.50 ea. Kaufmann's, 400 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15219

Pewter bowls, 5" diam., $8 ea. Bloomingdale's.

Wine goblets, ruby, $4 ea. Bryce Bros.

Candlesticks, Finnish unpainted wood, $9.65 ea. Design Research, Inc.

Everything else privately owned.

Bottom right:

Tablecloth, 70" diam. embroidered linen, $27.50. John Matouk.

Trays, "Fibrilla" molded fiber glass, $1.50 ea. Kaufmann's.

Everything else privately owned.

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Cup and saucer, España china "Escorial" pattern, blue and gold band, $5.55. Block China.

Coffeepot, "Blanco" pattern, $13. Block.

Champagne glass, "Regal" cut crystal, $5 ea. Bryce Bros.

Covered embossed casserole, "Henri IV," ovenproof, chip-resistant, 5 qts., $52. Spode.

Salad bowl, staved teak, $51.95, Dansk.

Candlestick, unpainted Finnish wood, 5½" h., $5.65. Design Research, Inc.

Page 146:

Plate, Jamaican cedar, 12" diam., $10.50. Barn at Ben Robyn, 143 E. 62nd St., New York, N. Y. 10021.

Dessert plate, "Primavera" each plate has different botanical painting, $2.50 ea. Richard-Ginori.

Mug, "Tahiti" in chocolate brown, $3.50. Franciscan.

Glasses, "Queen Anne" crystal goblet and wineglass, $6 ea., Fostoria.

Trivet, Portuguese light cork, 11¾" x 8½" x ½" thick, $1.80. Design Research, Inc.

Basket and stand, ceramic, 10" diam., basket, $132; stand, $18.50. Wedgwood.

Page 147, *top:*

Flatware, "Classique" sterling, 5-pc. place setting, $45.25. Gorham.

Dinnerware, "Tahiti" china dinner plates, $3.50 ea.; cup and saucer, $4.30; creamer, $3.95; covered ovensafe casserole, $13.95. Franciscan.

Glassware, "Argus" 10-oz. tumbler, $2.50 ea., 4½-oz. tumbler, $2 ea. Ice pitcher, "Jamestown," $6.50. Fostoria Glass Co.

Copper casserole, 4 qt., $65; warming stand, $50. Mayhew, 603 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022

Copper demitasse coffeepot, 12 cup, $13.75. Bazar Français, 666 Sixth Ave., New York, N. Y., 10010

Tablecloth fabric, "Ataman" 56" w. cotton, $7.40 yd. Pillows, 15" sq., $7.65–$12.85 ea. Design Research, Inc.

Napkins, 18" sq., $1 ea. John Matouk.

Bottom left:

Tray tables, folding stands, "Rio" laminated, vinyl, set of 4, $35. E. Braun, 717 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022

Copper au gratin dishes, 5" diam., $3.95 ea., Bazar Français.

Teak bread-and-butter plates, 5½" sq., 95c ea. Italian wine carafes, pressed glass, ½ liter $2.80. Design Research, Inc.

Salt and pepper shakers, $2 ea. Azuma, Inc., 666 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022

Napkins, polished cotton, $1 ea. Bloomingdale's.

Bottom right:

Lettuce leaf plates, French, 8" diam., $4.50 ea. Soupçon, 147 E. 70th St., New York, N. Y., 10021

Sterling tea set, "George I" teapot, $235; creamer, $90; sugar bowl, $115. Gorham.

1½ qt. "Tahiti" china pitcher, $9.50. Franciscan.

Napkins, 18" sq., linen, 90c ea. John Matouk.

Page 148, *top:*

Place mats, "Sunburst" transparent plastic, in brilliant green and blue, 12½" x 19", $5 ea. H. J. Stotter.

Flatware, "Legato" sterling, 6-pc. place setting, $46.50. Towle.

Dinnerware, "Tempo" china dinner plates, gold geometric design, $8.25 ea.; "Eternal" soup plates, gold band, $5.75 ea. Lenox China.

Glassware, "Biarritz" crystal water and wine goblets, $8 ea. "Buckingham" wine goblets, green, $25 ea.; crystal ashtrays, $8.50 ea. Baccarat, 55 E. 57th St., New York, 10022
Crystal candelabras and candlesticks from Nesle, Inc., 151 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y., 10022, and David Weiss, Importers.*
Antique lacquer jeweled birds, large, $200; medium, $195. Henri Bendel, 10 W. 57th St., New York, 10019
Bird-shaped salt and pepper shakers, gold, $38.50 pr.; silver, $35 pr. Soupçon.
Linen napkins, 18" sq., 90c. Matouk.
Table, polished stainless steel frame, glass top, 26" x 72" x 29". John Vesey.*
Sideboard and Naugahyde upholstered chairs. Doris Dessauer.*
Curtains, "Parisienne" woven of Fiberglas Beta yarn, will not shrink or stretch, firesafe, crease-resistant, hand-washable, no ironing. 48" x 90" l., $10.98 pr. Cortley Mfg. Corp.
Bottom:
Tablecloth, 69" x 88", $15; napkins, $1 ea. John Matouk.
Clam shell (centerpiece), $17.50 pr. Bearpaw clam shells (soup dishes), $4.50 pr. Pearl oyster shells, $2 ea. Seashells Unlimited, Inc., 590 Third Ave., New York, N. Y., 10016
Everything else same as above.

Page 149:
Cup and saucer, "Eternal," gold-banded, $8. Lenox.
Butter-pat dish, cut crystal, $6.50. Baccarat.
Vegetable dish, gold-banded, $15. Lenox.
Tulip champagne glass, crystal, $6.50; cocktail glass, $4.25; double Old-Fashioned glass, $6.50. Baccarat.
Dessert spoon and fork, Italian, porcelain handles, set of 2, $4. Stuart Becker, 1036 Third Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
Place mats, "Sunburst" transparent plastic in blue or green, and crystal, 12½" x 19", $5. "Candlelight" foam rubber backed vinyl mat, 11½" x 17½", $1. Both by H. J. Stotter.

Monogramming Rx

Page 150, *top:*
Woman's stationery, pale gray and orange, 100 sheets and envelopes, $14.50; die, $35; stamping, $9.50 per 100. Man's stationery, 100 sheets and envelopes, $7.80; die, $25; stamping, $9.50 per 100. Saks Fifth Avenue, 50th & Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
Center:
Man's stationery, blue, plain edge, 100 sheets and envelopes, $10; ARM die cutting, $20; monogram stamping, raised, without ink, $3.25 per 100; address die, first 10 letters $4, each additional letter, 20c; address stamping, maroon ink, $4.95 per 100. Woman's stationery, blue, dubonnet border, 100 sheets and envelopes, $11.40; die, $14; stamping die, red ink, $4.95 per 100; address die, first 10 letters, $4; each additional letter, 20c; stamping address, $4.95 per 100. Dempsey & Carroll, Inc., 556 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
Bottom:
Man's and woman's stationery, "Calais Ripple," 60 sheets, 48 envelopes, $2.29; woman's die, $15; man's die, $20; stamping die, $4.50 per 50. Brentano's, 586 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022

Page 151:
Woman's stationery, 50 sheets and envelopes, $10; "margaret wincor" die, $20; stamping die, $5.50 per 50. Man's stationery, 50 sheets and envelopes, $13; "ekw" die, $12; stamping die, $6.50 per 100. Bergdorf Goodman, 754 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., 10019
White card, gray border, 50 cards and envelopes, $7.75; address die, first 10 letters, $4; each additional letter, 20c; address stamping, $4.95 per 100. Dempsey & Carroll.

Bright-on-a-budget

Pages 164 & 165:
Sofa, 87" l., upholstered in "chamsuede," $290; lounge chair, 32" w., $90. Broyhill Furniture.
"Plan-A-Room" shelf units, 12" x 36" x 72" h., comes ready to assemble, $19.98 ea. Hamilton Cosco, Inc.
Desk, unpainted Louis XV, Italian import, $199.95; lamp table, 26" diam., unpainted, $89.95; beechwood chairs, rush seats, unpainted, $39.95 ea. Bloomingdale's, 59th & Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
All unpainted furniture antiqued with "Provincial Color Glaze Kits," includes paint, glaze, brush and instructions, soft tints, $4.95; deep tones, $5.95. Martin-Senour Paints.
Dining table base, white painted wrought iron only, $75.50 (top custom-made); desk chair, wrought iron, 40" h., $50. Gallo Originals.
Nesting benches, walnut finish, hand-woven rush seats, set of three, $55. Piazza Originals.*
Folding screens, unpainted, 7' h., 8 panels, $118.65. Joanna Western Mills.
Window shades, "Calcutta" textured jute yarn, vinyl impregnated. Illinois Shade Co.
Flooring, oak hardwood parquet. E. L. Bruce Co.
Paintings privately owned.
Rugs (cut into two pieces 6' x 9', 6' x 6', from one 9' x 12' rug) and accessories from F. W. Woolworth Co.

Doll House Kitchen

Pages 200 & 201:
Terra ware casserole and mixing bowl by Corning.
Oven broiler and toaster by Dominion.
The above and all other accessories from F. W. Woolworth Co.
Spice chart, books privately owned.

How to Make Rya Rugs

Page 171:
Rya rug kits, include background mat, with hemmed ends, yarn and instructions, 24" x 36", $39.50; 31" x 47", $62.50. Background mat 24" w. (for making larger rugs) $12 per running ft., including all materials. Background mat only; 24" w. $12.50 yd. Extra needles, 10c ea. All sizes approx. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery. Glasco House, 55 Glasco Turnpike, Woodstock, N. Y., 12498

Wine

Page 184, *top:*
Wooden wine rack, holds 10 bottles, 16½" w., 18¼" h., 9" d., $13. Copco, Inc.
Eject-A-Cork, black plastic and polished aluminum, $5.95. Hammacher Schlemmer, 145 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y., 10022
Bottom left:
Folding wine racks, black walnut, holds 22 bottles (shown closed), 15" h., 34" w., $20; holds 10 bottles, 15" h., 20" w., $10. Zigzag corkscrew, heavy chrome plate, stainless steel screw, $4. Hammacher Schlemmer.
Tôle wine coaster, $5. Bloomingdale's, 59th & Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022
Bottom right:
Honeycomb wine rack, galvanized, holds 14 bottles, 11" x 19", $12.95. Hammacher Schlemmer.
Waiter's corkscrew, brass, chrome plated, $1.25. Bazar Français, 666 Sixth Ave., New York, N. Y., 10010
Ceramic wine coaster, $3. Bloomingdale's.

Page 185:
Brass and leather wine rack, holds 8 bottles, 17" w., 10" h., 8" d. $35. Flairtime by Silvestri.*

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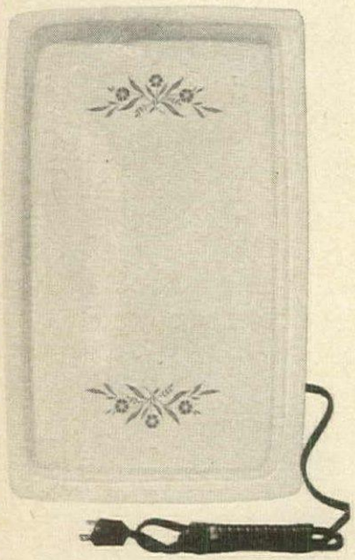
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Bright-on-a-budget

The doll house kitchen

Storage on display stretches the available space

The tiny 5½-by-7-foot kitchen adjoining the living room on page 164 posed a chain of problems: how to find a place for everything despite severely limited storage space; how to keep the most-often-used utensils close at hand; how to make the crowded little cubicle look personal and pretty. H&G solved all three by one type of maneuver: creating decorative compositions with the utensils themselves.

As in the living room, we started with a color plan. Since the walls and all the appliances were white and the countertop was a strong yellow, we chose a cool yellow-green, H&G's Green Gage, to soften the contrast, and added small sharp accents of bright red to give it zing. But instead of adding the green on a permanent basis, we introduced it on a series of bulletin boards, from the five-and-ten, which can be removed and repainted.

Three were mounted on strips of walnut applied to the only free wall space in the room, the strip between sink and refrigerator. On these we composed a decorative "mural" of standard utensils. Two more boards over the sink provided hanging space for constantly used small tools and everyday saucepans—and gave us a chance to inject the bright notes of red.

Another opportunity for turning necessary supplies and equipment to decorative use was created by building open shelves between the broom closet and the wall. Here we made the most of the gleam of plug-in appliances, of the apothecary-shop look of glass-stoppered bottles for spices and glass-topped jars for dry staples, and of the colorful bindings of cook books.

Not only the bulletin boards and the glass containers, but the kitchen's entire complement of cooking ware including two plug-in appliances came from Woolworth's on a $150 budget.



To compose the "mural" we used a 7-piece set of standard tools with black handles, interspersed them with steel utensils of interesting shape and terminated the arrangement with a Teflon-lined skillet. Framed spice chart next to mural repeats yellows and greens of color scheme.

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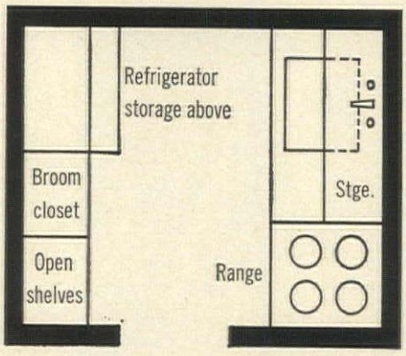
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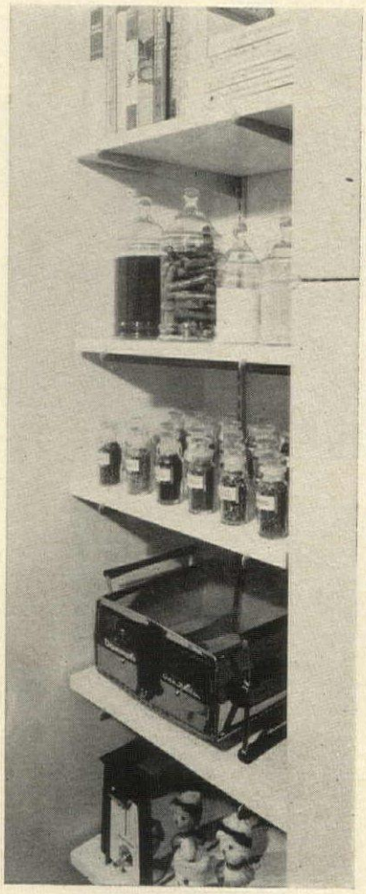
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Kitchen is the apartment-house minimum, planned apparently by someone who didn't know it takes as much space to cook for two as it does for five or six.

Adding the open shelves freed precious space in drawer and cupboards for less decorative supplies and equipment and for china and glass that should be protected from dust. Spices and seasonings, usually needed in a hurry, are easier to find when stored in the open, and plug-ins, especially larger ones like an oven-broiler and automatic toaster, are easier to bring out from open shelves. Enough space was left below the bottom shelf for a good-looking covered trash can, which frees the under-sink cupboard for cleaning supplies.

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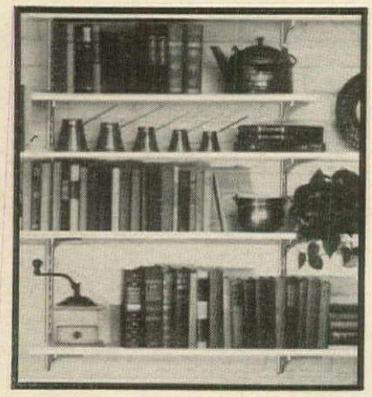
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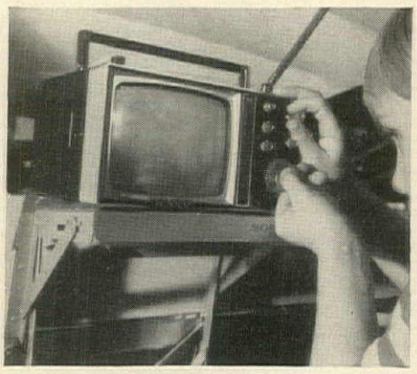
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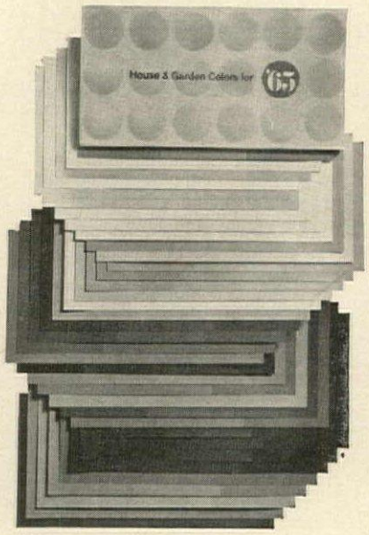
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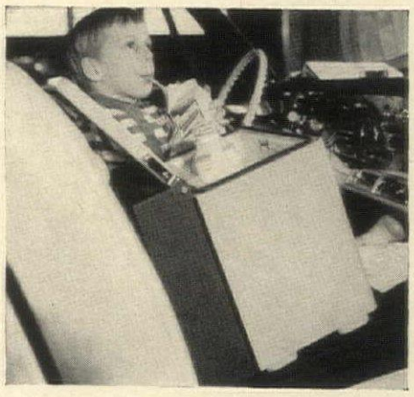
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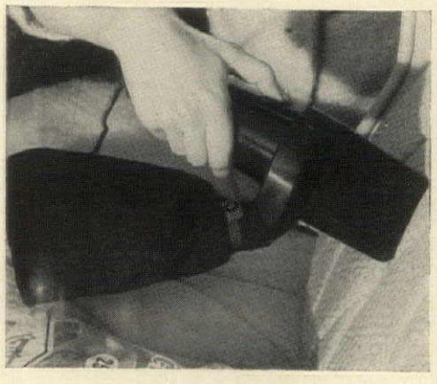




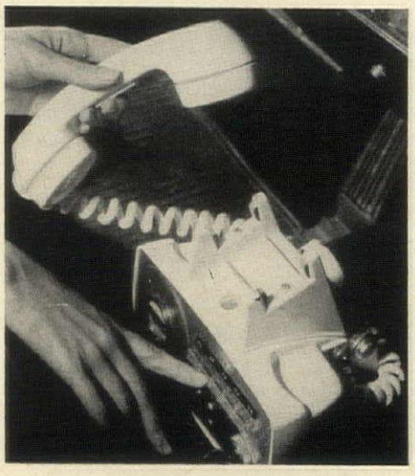
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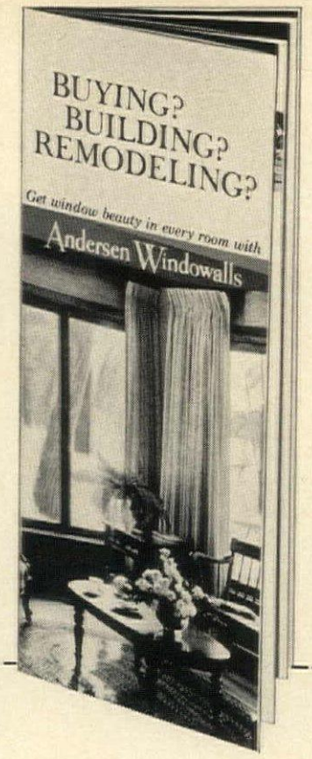


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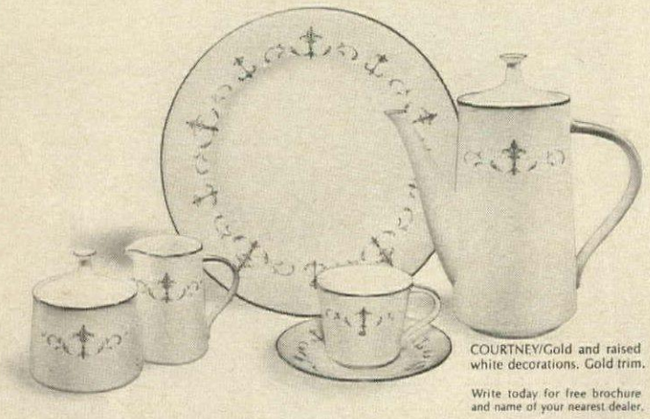
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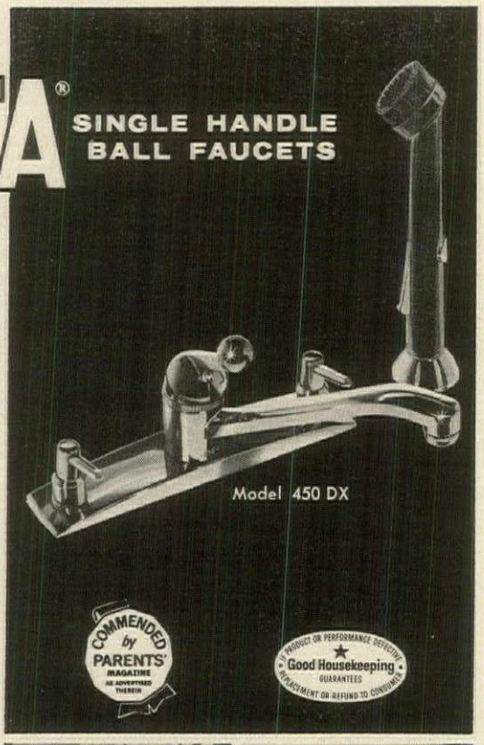


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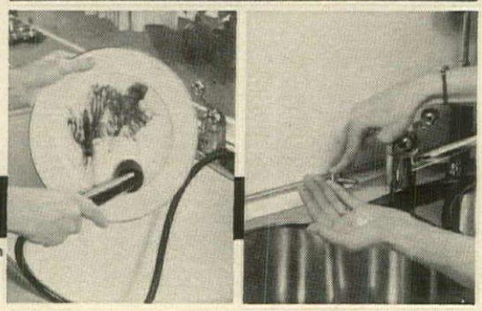
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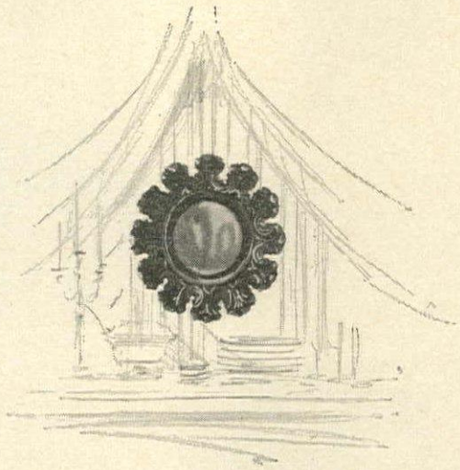
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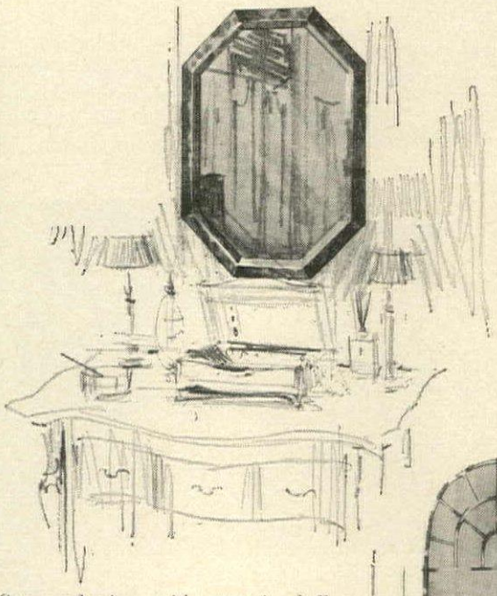
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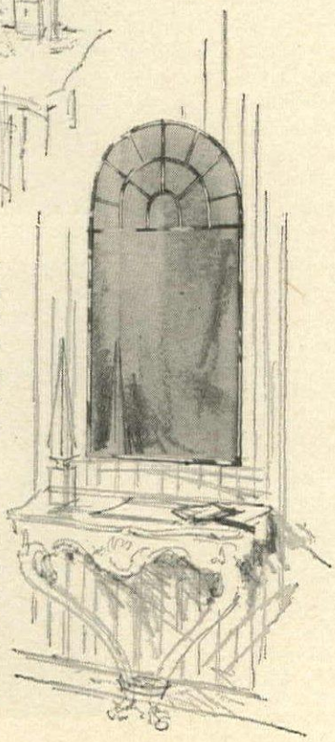
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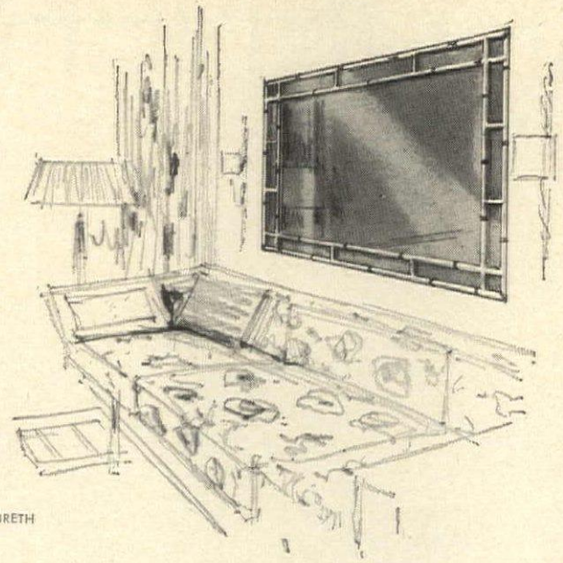
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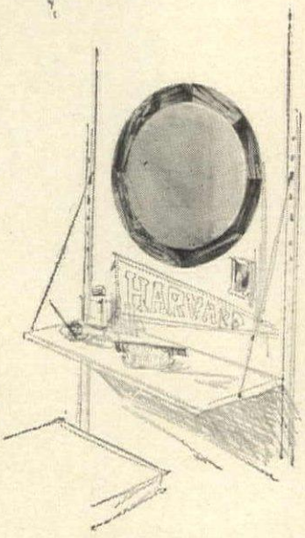


Tall, fan-topped mirror with a leaded frame is an excellent choice for a small entrance hall since it adds height and dimension without taking up a great width of wall space. Mirror surface is slightly rippled like old glass. 28 by 58 inches tall. Doris Dessauer.*



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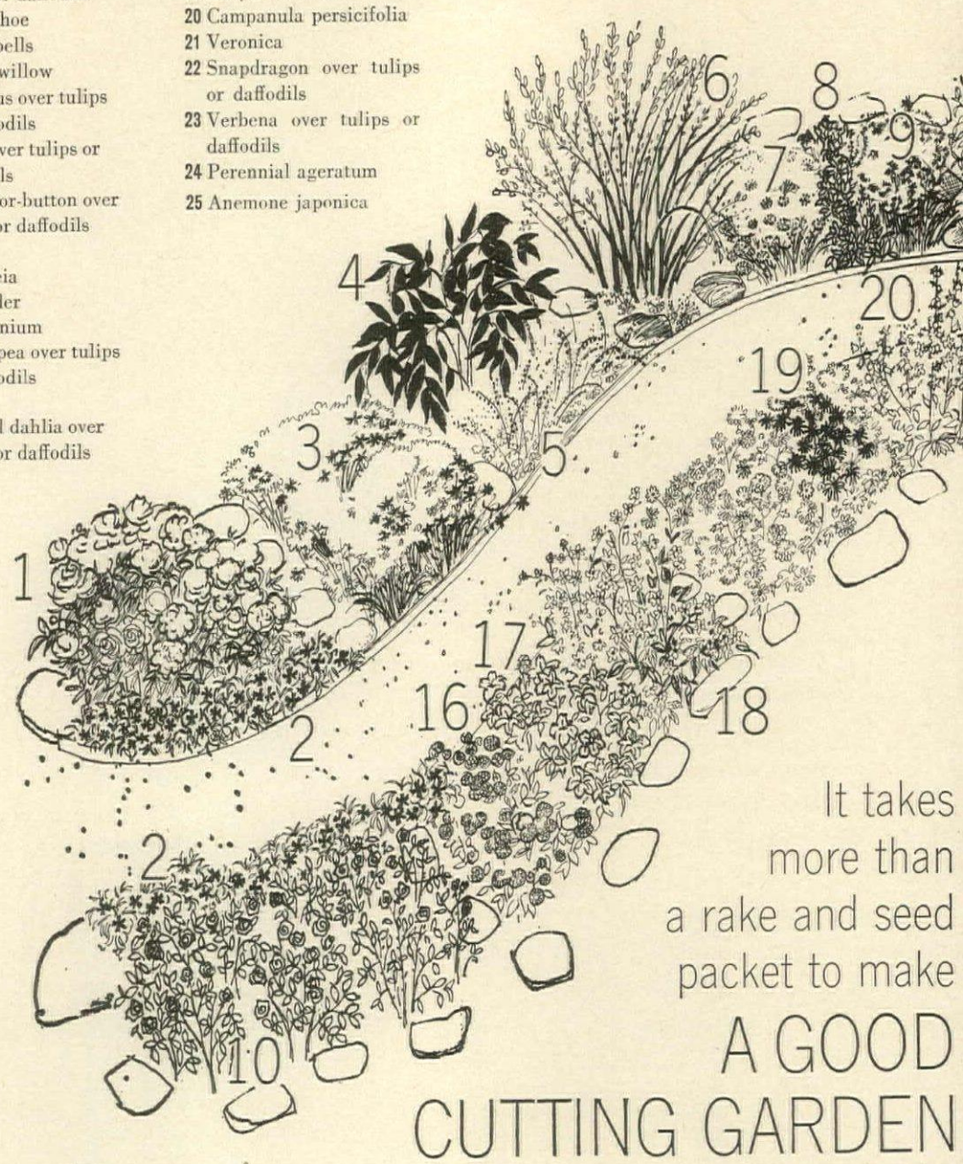
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It takes more than a rake and seed packet to make A GOOD CUTTING GARDEN

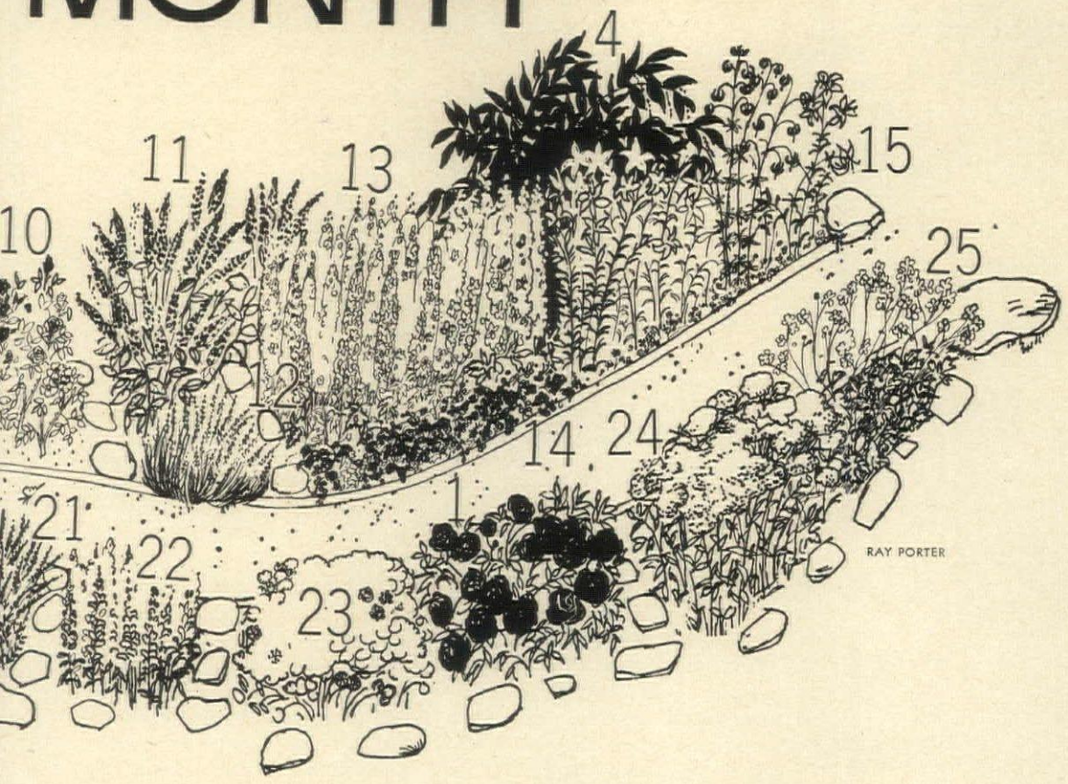
by James Fanning

A cutting garden should be a thing of beauty in itself. And since every plant big enough to be seen by the naked eye is potential cutting material, a garden for cutting has limitless possibilities for the use of plants. Ferns and leafy branches, of course, are not exactly flowers, but no indoor bouquet is complete without its bit of greenery, so these practical adjuncts must be included in the plantings.

In no aspect of gardening is high quality more necessary than in flowers grown for cutting. Ideally, every cut flower should be a specimen perfect in its kind, cut at the ideal time, handled with tender care and displayed to fullest advantage. The gardener's skill is important in respect to time, too. Since the cutting garden should be productive throughout the growing season, it must look its best not only for a few days, but for months on end.

Apart from the ground in which the plants will grow, the most important piece of equipment for the cut-flower gardener is a place—greenhouse, cold-frame or sunny window sill—where plants may be started from seed early in the year. For some things, like snapdragons, this is essential, since they require a long growing season to reach their flowering peak. Others, like the annual dahlias, will perform satisfactorily if the seed is planted where the plants are to grow, but a much longer flowering season is assured by getting the plants off to a good start before the weather is warm enough to warrant outdoor planting. Of course,

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started plants are always available commercially and are as good as or better than any you could start yourself, but the selection is necessarily limited and it often turns out that the one plant you really must have is the one that is not available.

In the ideal cutting garden no space is wasted—in fact, some areas do double duty, with tulips or daffodils for spring bloom, then summer annuals planted right on top. If you plan to dig up the bulbs as they ripen off, you can replace them with gladiolus or montbretia or annual plants that have been growing somewhere else. Since this operation is performed in mid-to-late June, there is still plenty of time for the second planting to mature a good crop of flowers.

Our idealized garden—combining not only annuals and perennials, but shrubs as well—edges a path that follows the contour of a gentle slope. To simplify the tasks of cropping and maintenance, each of the planting areas is outlined by stepping stones. Theoretically, no spot within the garden is farther than an arm's reach from either a stone or the central path. Keeping the garden divided into small plots (biggest on the plan is about 4 by 6 feet) makes for easy shifting of plants when they have to be divided, easy digging of specialized soil pockets for specialized plant needs. The lily plot, for instance, can be excavated to a depth of 18 inches or more and refilled with the sandy-peaty soil mixture that lilies need, while adjoining areas are left undisturbed.

Stones and path edging (we recommend standard steel driveway edging) also serve to hold the soil in place. The planting beds are, of course, mulched (with whatever comes to hand), and the path is surfaced with a thin layer of washed gravel (rounded pebbles from ½ to 1½ inches in diameter).

The plants themselves have been chosen to provide cutting material twelve months of the year. This, naturally, includes shrubs—some of them evergreen—for the bleak time when nothing can be expected to flower. To start with them:

Leucothoe catesbaei (**4**, on drawing), which seems to have no common name, is a regular inhabitant of shrub borders and worth cultivating simply for the sake of having a constant supply of the graceful stems for cutting. Added attraction: The leathery leaves turn a beautiful shade of wine red in winter. All it needs is a humus-rich soil and good drainage.

Salix caprea (**6**), the goat willow or pussy willow, is dirt common and dirt cheap, but no cutting garden can do without it. Although it needs a lot of moisture, it will turn in an acceptable performance on dry ground.

Buddleia davidii (**11**). The many varieties and several species of the butterfly bush are all excellent for cutting, adding the bonus of scent to graceful, bright-colored flower panicles. In a warm, well-drained, sunny spot, buddleia will increase in size year after year, even though severely cut back by freezing every winter.

Symphoricarpos albus (a useful alternate), the snowberry, is charming at all times, with dainty twigs and tiny (*Continued on next page*)

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pink flowers followed by the big white berries that give it its name. The berry-laden stems are excellent for cutting right up to the time the berries freeze and turn brown. Not particular about soil, exposure or moisture, it is unfailing.

Rose (**10**). Universally acknowledged as queen of cut flowers, the garden rose has had volumes written about it, so we won't waste space by going into details here. No cutting garden can exist without its complement of hybrid teas and floribundas, but don't overlook the shrubby species like *rugosa* that are not only of iron-clad hardiness, but beautiful in bloom. Even its bright red fruits are as fine for cutting as anything you'll find in early winter.

Next after the shrubs, the hardy perennials are the most nearly permanent inhabitants of our cutting garden. Beginning in earliest spring, they produce flowers that not only increase in number from year to year, but always look the same—something you can't necessarily count on seed-grown annuals to do.

Anemone japonica (**25**), the Japanese anemone, is the embodiment of grace when the long-stemmed pink or white flowers appear in early autumn. In rich soil, with a half day or more of sunshine every day, a plant will increase in size slowly but surely, year after year.

Campanula persicifolia (**20**), or peach bells, is probably the best subject for cutting in the whole gorgeous campanula tribe. The tall, wiry stems shoot up in June, loaded with hanging bells of white, blue or pink. In good soil, with ample moisture and a fair amount of sun, the cluster of basal leaves (like peach leaves—hence the name) will spread year after year.

Chrysanthemum (**19**). Like the rose, the garden chrysanthemum has been the subject of many a volume of instructive prose. To this we add only that in choosing varieties let your household color schemes be your guide.

Delphinium (**13**). It is easy to think of delphiniums as being too big for use as cut flowers in the average room. This may be true of the "improved" varieties, of which every garden should have a few for outdoor display, but don't forget the "old-fashioned" belladonna and bellamosa varieties: They're dainty enough to use anywhere, and their colors put the giants to shame. Good drainage, both of water and air, is the secret of success with these.

Dianthus (**2**). Whether you call them pinks or carnations, the dozens of species and varieties of dianthus are all easy to grow and all incomparably fine as cut flowers. They like a sunny location, with well-drained, fertile soil. Being compact plants, the dianthus serve admirably as edging for beds of our taller-growing annuals or perennials.

Eupatorium coelestinum (**24**). Sometimes called hardy ageratum, eupatorium is tall enough to make an excellent cut flower. A late-summer bloomer with big, foamy blue flower clusters, it thrives in half to full sun, any soil, and may be relied upon to spread.

Gypsophila paniculata (**18**). The most delicate looking of all cut flowers, baby's-breath is actually hardy as an oak and in bloom all summer long. The old-time single white is probably more satisfactory than the newer pinks or double varieties; all need good drainage and full sun to perform at their best.

Heuchera (**5**). Coral bells count among their many virtues a dense tuft of handsome leaves that will make an elegant edging from early spring to late autumn. The flowers—red, pink or white—are tiny bells carried profusely on tall, wiry stems in early summer. Clumps tend to die out in the center after a few years, so should be divided regularly. Otherwise, half to full sun and no drought are its only demands.

Lavandula vera (**12**). Everybody knows lavender, of course, and everybody loves it, so, whether you're going to cut the flower spikes or leafy stems, or just let them stand as a show plant, no self-respecting garden can be without it. Its use in sachets, potpourri and the like is too well known to require comment here; all we need say is that to grow it well (and have it winter over more than a year or two) you need soil that is definitely on the dry side, well sheltered from winter winds and exposed to all the sunshine there is to be had.

Peony (**1**). Like roses and chrysanthemums, peonies have had books written about them. They take up a good deal of space and the flowering season is short, so plan to use them where the foliage can be effective for the whole of its durable life. This same foliage, incidentally, is fine for cutting, but don't take too much from any one plant or the next year's bloom will suffer.

Veronica (**21**). The several tall-growing species of veronica, as well as the numerous varieties, all make excellent cut flowers and give a long-term display of bloom in the garden. The long, slim spikes may be had in several shades of blue as well as white. In a rich, nondrying soil in full sun, veronica will make a dense,

long-lived clump that gets bigger year by year.

The vast tribe of bulbs includes so many good cutting subjects that we are unquestionably being ruthless and arbitrary in confining our list to three. Don't let that stop you, though—*all* the bulbs are good for cutting, so add them freely to your cutting garden.

Daffodil. No more need be said about daffodils than that they are cut flowers par excellence, and that they like a deep, rich soil with plenty of moisture during the growing season, need to be divided every second or third year, *and* may be overplanted with annuals during the summer.

Lily (**15**). Again, volumes have been written about lilies (see H&G, October, 1964), so we won't go into cultural and varietal details, but their cutting-garden value is high, if only for the fact that they look their best in smallish clusters among other plants. In cutting, the rule is to take as little stem as the flower arranger can be persuaded to accept, unless, of course, you're prepared to replace bulbs as they peter out from lack of nourishment.

Tulip. Although the late-blooming, long-stemmed kinds (Darwin, Cottage, Rembrandt and Parrot) are best for cutting, don't neglect the species, either. These are mostly slender and delicate of color and texture, but they will thrive for years on end in the driest, most sun-baked part of the garden. In tulips the choice of varieties is almost endless, so let your color scheme be your guide.

As might be expected, the real backbone of our cutting garden is an assortment of annuals. Since their whole lifetime is passed in a few months, annual plants can hardly do otherwise than be prodigal with bloom, and this is why we give them such emphasis. Seedsmen come up with lists of "new and improved" varieties every year, and the wise gardener will choose whatever appeals to him from among these, but he will also cover his bets by including a good proportion of old stand-bys.

Basil 'Dark Opal' (**8**). Of recent introduction, but already well established in popularity, this basil may not be quite as flavorful as the green-leaved variety, but its bronzy purple leaves make it a flower-arranger's delight. If plants are started indoors and planted out in sunny, well-drained soil, they will grow into shrubby 12- to 18-inch plants by midsummer.

Centaurea cyanus (**9**). The ever-popular bachelor's-button or cornflower is one annual that seems to have escaped being improved. The colors—blue, white, pink and occasionally maroon—are what they have always been, and, although not the longest-lived of cut flowers, blooming is constant enough to provide a steady supply.

Dahlia, annual strains (**16**). The large-flowered, named-variety dahlias have been left out of our cutting garden because they take more space and care than our all-purpose plantings can comfortably bear. Instead we choose the seed-grown annual strains: Flowers are produced in incredible numbers on low, compact plants; colors are spectacular and you don't have to worry about saving the tubers (although you can if you like).

Dianthus (**3**). The perennial dianthus has already been included in our list, but the annual strains are no less worthy of attention. The double type, known as annual carnation, has the form and many of the colors of the florist's carnation, but in a somewhat reduced size. The singles, in the form usually referred to when we speak of pinks, are mostly red, in a great variety of shades and tones. Both types need full sun and a rich, well-drained but not arid soil, and may be seeded where they will bloom.

Didiscus (**7**). The beautiful blue lace flower is too often overlooked in most garden planning. As easy to grow as a bunch of carrots (closely related), the long-stemmed, long-lasting flowers look like blue Queen Anne's lace. It likes full sun, but is otherwise undemanding.

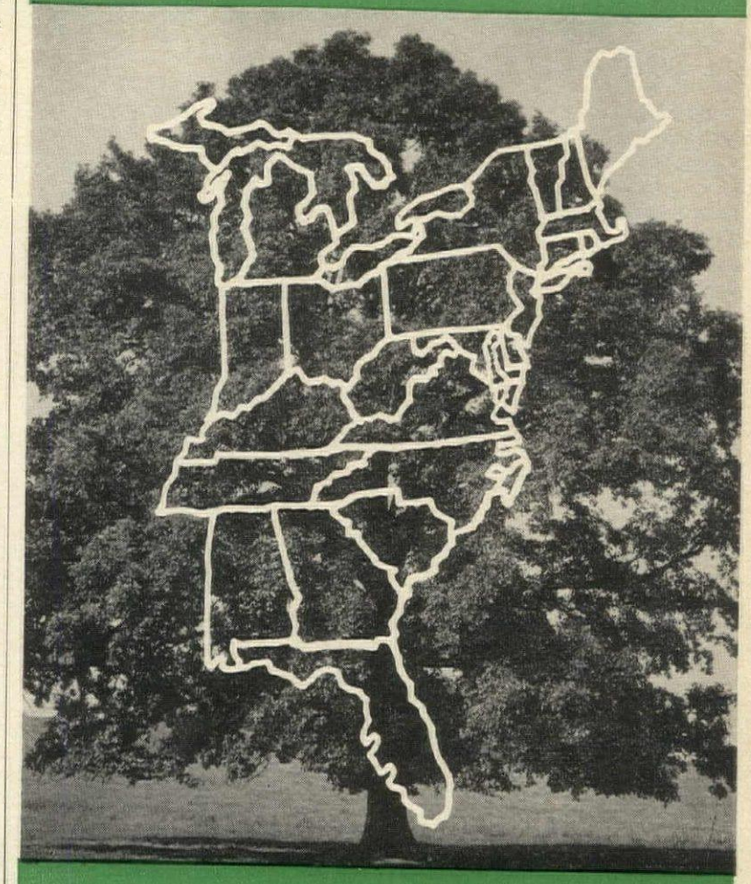
Salpiglossis (**17**). The petunia relative has the advantage over petunias of stiff, upright stems and colors in the rich purple-brown-maroon shades we associate with Victorian interiors. Grown in the same way as petunias, but allowing for a height of 2 feet or more, the blooming season is long and full.

Snapdragon (**22**). Old stand-by though it may be, snapdragon is still susceptible to improvement, and some of the new strains are indeed improvements: Instead of the flower spikes being thick, chunky and heavy looking, they are slender to the point of gracefulness. The familiar colors have been kept. To bloom early enough for the cutting garden, snapdragons have to be started indoors; otherwise all they need is a rich, moist soil and sunshine for at least half of the day.

Sweet pea (**14**). The much-loved sweet pea is too often bypassed by gardeners because of its untidy climbing habit. However, this is no longer a legitimate ob-

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Both as month and verb, May is a permissive word: You can make what you will of either



First weekend

Honeysuckles. The genus lonicera has one of the few pleasantly descriptive common names that don't need an adjective to make them understandable. You just know—whether or not you are well versed in the vocabulary of the cavalier poets—that nothing could be sweeter than honeysuckle. And indeed, that is one of the drawbacks to many of the species—sweetness that is cloying to the point of suffocating many other delicate garden fragrances. But there is no gainsaying the importance of this group of shrubs, most of which are deciduous, almost all of which are hardy to even north temperate winters, and all of which have abundant flowers and/or fruits for several weeks at a time. On counts not related to fragrance, most of the honeysuckles are relatively undistinguished plants. Many are unkempt and unsuited to neat home landscapes. But at least a few deserve to be grown, singly or at the most in pairs, wherever a respectable shrub border can be accommodated.

If you were to choose but one kind, and could make room for a bush ultimately 10 feet or so wide, you would pick *Lonicera korolkowii*. Its myriads of small sweet florets, rosy to whitish, cover the plants in late May. They are followed in late summer by bright orange-red berries. But the chief virtue of this species is the blue gray foliage that distinguishes it all through the growing year. The plant is hardy far north along both coasts and in the middle states through the Ozarks.

If you want a really tough species, one that will survive in the plains, try *L. maackii*, which is considerably bigger and coarser (as much as 15 by 15 feet) and lacks unusual foliage. But the creamy May flowers are sweeter than the korolkowii's, and the berries are darker and later (until November—with the durable leaves). The best of the more restrained species may well be *L. tatarica*, available in many forms with flowers varying from red to pink to creamy white to yellow, and all blooming in late May. The red summer berries are pretty, but not brilliant, the foliage pleasant, but unremarkable. It is a very hardy, dependable bush, second only to our first choice in regions where they both will grow.

Earliest to bloom in April woodlands, *L. fagrantissima* stands alone. The white flowers are sweetly scented indeed, and the red berries are ripe in June. The foliage is no great shakes, but at least it is almost evergreen. (For a final parenthetical note, add that *L. japonica halliana*—the notorious Hall's honeysuckle—is the best possible ground-holder for impossible slopes. Fear, but do not scorn, its persistence.)



Second weekend

Dogwood bloom. "Why don't my dogwoods bloom?" This question is probably asked more often of garden departments than any other except, "Why are my pine needles turning brown in the middle of August?" (Answer: Because they are last year's dead ones. This year's new needles will last until *next* August.) The dogwoods referred to are invariably the native *Cornus florida* or white flowering dogwood, and the answer usually is that they may bloom less than usual any given spring for any of the following reasons, among others: 1. The squirrels and birds may have eaten the flower buds if other food sources were frozen or snowed in. 2. The tree may have been weakened by pest, disease or drought two years ago, have bloomed abundantly last year in self-defense (so to speak) and be resting this year by contrast or from a sort of arboreal exhaustion. 3. Last season may have been so rainy that the tree formed a greater-than-normal proportion of foliage at the expense of bud-forming strength. 4. You may have overfertilized it in early spring (or very late autumn) last year, forcing a like imbalance of foliage and flower buds. 5. There may have been a couple of years ago a mechanical or physical injury (lawnmower de-barking the base, or storm damage, for example) so severe that the tree tended, as dogwoods seem conspicuously to do, to form an excessive number of flower buds in an effort to set extra seed the following year, and thus, with possible death staring it in the face, perpetuate itself. (If this be anthropomorphism, make the most of it.) Then, of course, the year after that the pendulum would tend to swing back. 6. A big overhanging tree may have become bigger, causing excessive shade.

About items 1 and 3 you cannot do much. About item 2, you can attack the pest or disease if still a threat (control measures are not a part of this story). About item 5, you may or may not be able to do anything; a good tree man's advice might help. About item 6—you may just have to choose between them. About item 4, you can stop fertilizing to excess or late in the season, while at the same time maintaining a regular fertilizing procedure (with an ordinary commercial plant food, either in very late autumn or late winter—no sooner or later, respectively) so that balanced development of both foliage and flower buds will be annually encouraged, vagaries of nature otherwise notwithstanding.



Third weekend

Nutrients generally. Dogwoods aside, an annual spring fertilizing program is unquestionably worth while in every garden. For all deciduous trees and shrubs, do your feeding early, so that summer foliage will not be encouraged at the expense of flowering strength. With evergreens, apply plant food in modest doses when first new growth has begun to mature—which usually means about mid-May. For most perennial borders, May or even June is the best feeding period. Annuals, of course, seldom need to be specially fertilized at all—although "starter solutions" of liquid plant food may be applied to the young seedlings or transplants when they are moved to their summer positions.

As for the fertilizing materials themselves, cottonseed meal is as good a seasonal booster as most broadleaf evergreens ever need—assuming the earth they were planted in was decently supplied with phosphoric and potassium compounds in the beginning. Bone meal is a slow, expensive and meager source of nitrogen that, except when mixed with the soil in depth, wastes most of its principal food element—phosphoric acid. Superphosphate, when mixed in the soil at root level, is necessary and useful; on the surface it is largely wasted. But at least it is relatively inexpensive. So-called complete fertilizers (those in formulations tagged 5–10–5 or 6–8–6 or, for turf especially, 8–6–6) are suitable for general seasonal use and need only to be watered into the ground to start working in any soil which has a root-level temperature of 50 degrees or more.

Fertilizers with delayed nitrogen release will never burn turf or foliage (in proper doses) and need not be watered or raked in. But they cost more than the simple farmer's type. Dried shredded cattle manure, available in 50-pound bags and quite odorless when dry or mixed into the soil surface, is a fine textural supplement, especially for sandy or clay soils, and it fosters the development of the microorganisms that make fertilizers more useful. A quart of the stuff in every perennial-bed planting hole, a bigger dollop in shrub holes and the like, will make a much more receptive environment for almost any plant. Compost, of course, is a good soil ameliorizer at any time.



Fourth weekend

Broadleaf pruning. You would have no hesitation in shearing a yew hedge, but we'd wager you might think twice before you would prune a rhododendron, mountain-laurel, camellia or holly. And without reason. Because the four just mentioned, among others of the non-needle-bearing species (the pines and hemlocks, too, for that matter), may be pruned almost to a stand-still if you do the job right and at the right time. The right time—to generalize—is when the new shoots that formed in spring have begun to "firm up." Then—again to generalize—you can pinch off about half of the new growth (which should be brittle enough to snap readily between your fingers), or you can remove

all of the new growth, cleanly, back to the point of its origin. The latter procedure will tend to cause the remaining divergent branches to develop new shoots of their own in time to ripen safely before winter overtakes them.

Now, to generalize a third time, you can usually cut back not only the spring's new shoots, but last season's shoots as well, without damaging the plant. This represents quite drastic pruning, of course, and should not be practiced on branches that are less than 4 years old nor where the remaining side branches will be so shaded by neighboring growth that new shoots cannot develop. Such clumpy plants as leucothoe should be thinned at the base—not pruned—for acceptable esthetic effect. Mountain-laurel can be either thinned or pruned or both—but if pruned, then only to the extent of the current year's shoots.

Book notes: There are more books that claim greatness than achieve it, so it's a pleasure to find a good one that makes no exaggerated claims. Even the faintly pompous title, "How to Grow Almost Everything" (Evans-Lippincott, $3.95). The author, Stanley Schuler, has written with admirable brevity and clarity about the specific cultural essentials of a great many plants (although by no means all), and then in simple chapters on gardening techniques has suggested the measures required to grow, in fact, almost everything, whether on his list or not. Greatest value: simplicity and directness. Greatest deficiency: lack of precision in delimiting growth regions.

We seldom recommend the dismemberment of good books, but three small, discriminating collections of color prints just in this country under the Ariel Press imprint (Van Nostrand, $3.95 each) simply cry for cutting out and framing. Two are reproduced from 24 each of Redouté's famous groups of "Roses" and of "Fruits and Flowers." The third is a like number of John Gould's "Tropical Birds." The color work is not of great excellence, print by print, but it is well suited to decorative groups of prints. And there is no law to prevent their retention in book form. The brief texts are pertinent and helpful.

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jection, since the dwarf or "Bijou" types are as compact as petunias and just about as long-blooming. Plant the seeds as early in the spring as you can poke them 2 or 3 inches deep into the soil, in a moist location with about a half-day's sunshine.

Verbena (**23**). Almost too effective in the garden to permit any thought of cutting, verbenas nonetheless are among the very best subjects for flower arrangements indoors. The blue, pink, white or red flower clusters on wiry stems are produced freely enough so that the outdoor display need not be ruined in the process of cutting. They thrive in sun and a moderately rich, moist soil.

Gladiolus (alternate). Tall surely, but not particularly effective for garden display, gladiolus should be grown among the annuals. Deep planting—6 to 8 inches—helps to make the flower stalks self-supporting. In well-drained soil the bulbs will usually winter over satisfactorily, but it is best to play safe and dig them each autumn. For cutting, the so-called miniatures (not so very small, really) are probably best, and may be had in almost any color.

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in the small tourist pavilion—really a café—at the hillside spot known as Kanoni (a cannon pointing seaward gives the place its name). I was watching a group of island girls performing, with solemn grace, some of their traditional dances for the benefit of a group of tourists from a visiting cruise ship. The girls wore festive costumes, red velvet jackets richly embroidered with gold, varicolored silk aprons over long skirts and high lace headdresses (these decorated, alas, with plastic flowers). The musicians were dressed in the baggy trousers and pompon shoes of the usual Greek costume, but with a touch of Venice again in their brightly banded straw boaters. They played perhaps half-a-dozen Greek dances and then suddenly took up the jigging strains of a German folk tune. It was somewhat adapted and the dancing that went with it was not German at all, but the tune was recognizable. I discovered that it had been introduced to the islanders by the indefatigable Kaiser Wilhelm and was now being played to please the German tourists among us. Somehow it seemed an oddity perfectly in keeping with the adaptable spirit of Corfu.

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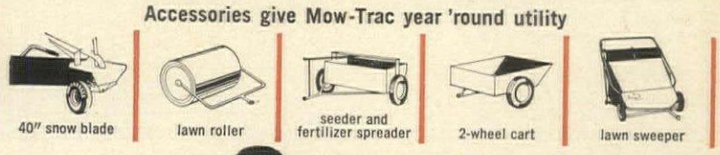
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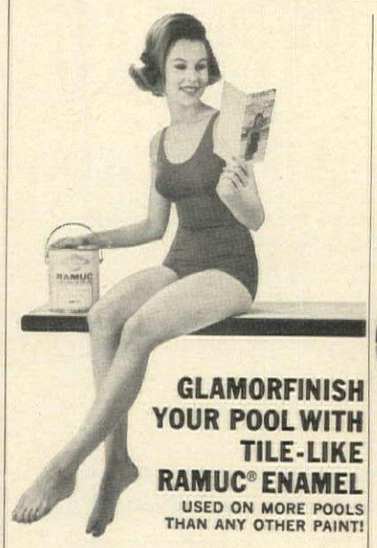
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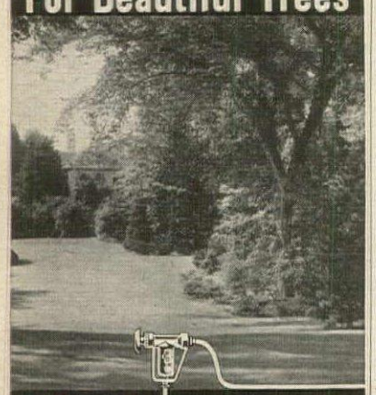


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May 4 Today I pulled up some weeds which started to grow around the place where I had planted the slice. And then I watered it.

May 5 Today I watered the potato.

May 6 Today I watered it.

May 7 Today I pulled up a lot of weeds which seem to pop up everywhere in just three days. I also watered it.

May 8 Yay! Today my potato popped up out of the ground and began growing! Also I watered it.

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May 10 Today it looks as if the watering did some good, because now it's over ½ inch high in just two days. I also watered it.

May 11 Today the plant still seems to be growing much bigger every day, but there wasn't much difference in the height of the plant. I also watered it.

May 12 Today it seems the plant isn't growing as much as it used to grow in the last couple of days. I also watered it.

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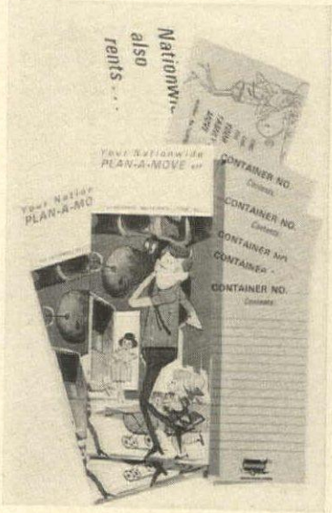
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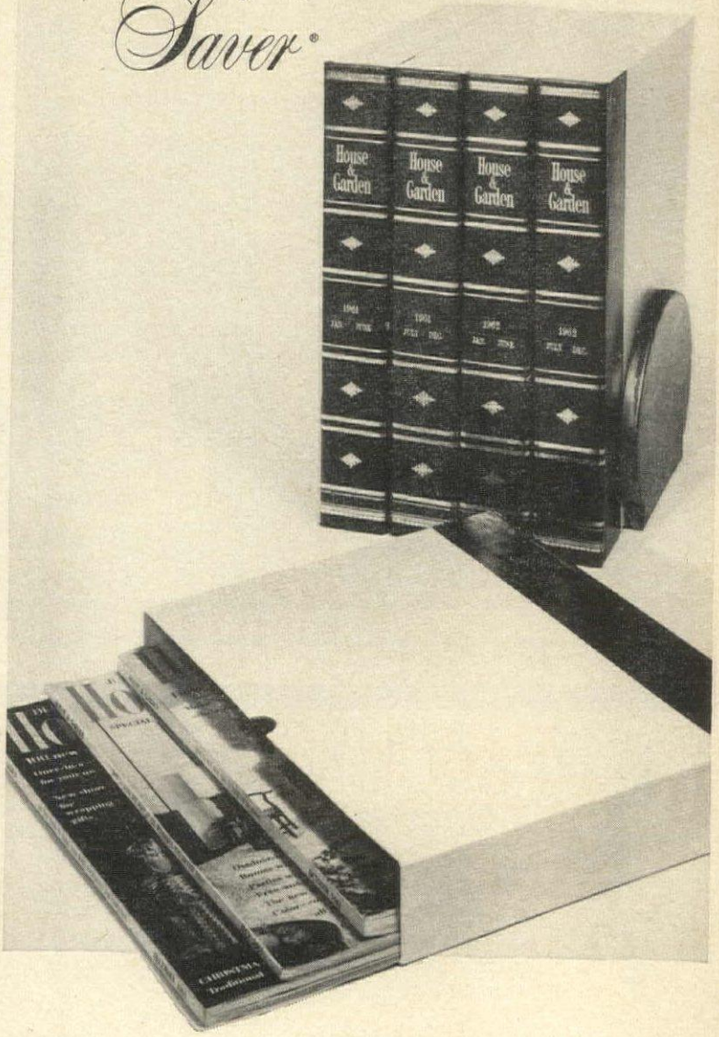
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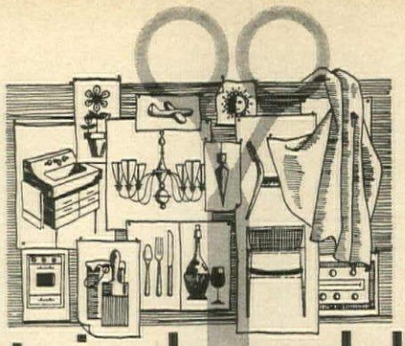


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5. CLASSIC INFLUENCES are found in the furniture collection of Hammary Mfg. Corp. A 32-page booklet shows pieces that reflect the feeling of Mediterranean, Italian and French Provincial and 18th-century English furniture styles. 25c.

6. A HAND-RUBBED FINISH without the laborious efforts of old-fashioned methods can be achieved with Minwax. A booklet explains Minwax wood finishes and waxes for unfinished furniture, refinishing of antiques, paneling and floors. Also includes a detailed wood color chart.

7. DRESSING WELL DEPENDS oftentimes on how much storage and organization your dresser offers. A booklet by Kent-Coffey features dressers and other bedroom furniture in a handsome collection called Perspecta. 25c.

8. 1,001 DECORATING IDEAS are given in the 22nd edition of a booklet by Conso Inc. Pictures room settings in color and includes new ways to use fabrics and trimmings, ingenious closet and window treatments, tips on making draperies and bedspreads. 50c.

KITCHENS & BATH

9. A KITCHEN TO SUIT YOU in every way is the object of St. Charles Custom Kitchens. Two booklets show one-of-a-kind kitchens tailored to fit particular needs. The latest ideas in floor plans, styling and decorating are featured in full color. Both booklets for $1.00.

10. PERFORMANCE FEATURES of new models of KitchenAid dishwashers with Vari-Front panels to match kitchen decor are described in a full-color folder by Hobart Mfg. Co. Also shows dishwasher-sinks, convertible-portables and portables.

11. FASHION FOR KITCHENS via handsome cabinets is the focus of a four-color brochure by Geneva Industries. Illustrates cabinets to use in every kitchen decorating scheme: contemporary, suburban, country. Includes color chart. 25c.

12. A CAREFREE KITCHEN gets that way with the help of a garbage disposer. Many questions about this useful appliance are considered in a booklet by In-Sink-Erator explaining how a disposer works.

13. REAL CERAMIC TILE is a handsome and practical idea for kitchen and bath. A full-color booklet by

U. S. Ceramic Tile shows 40 different color co-ordinated tile schemes for walls, floors and countertops. 25c.

ENTERTAINING

14. PUNCH AND COOKIES are a traditional twosome, so the L. E. Smith Glass Co. appropriately offers a brace of booklets featuring recipes for each.

15. GOOD QUICK MEALS can be prepared from recipes compiled by Heublein, Inc. for the woman who barely has time to remove her hat before she starts the oven. Includes menus, suggestions for canapé dips.

16. THE LUCKY HOSTESS has lovely vases, compotes, ashtrays and decanters in crystal to enhance her entertaining. A 20-page booklet by Tiffin Art Glass Corp. shows a wide range of crystal pieces. 25c.

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17. INVITATION TO CANADA is the title of a 48-page booklet by the Canadian Government Travel Bureau. It pictures the tourist attractions offered by each city or area, includes map of national parks, tells about colorful events that make a Canadian vacation fascinating.

18. FRIENDLY AND NEARBY yet with a distinct foreign flavor—these traits account for Ontario's appeal to vacationers. A full-color booklet by the Ontario Dept. of Tourism shows the varied sights to see in this province of 250,000 lakes.

19. BERMUDA VACATION KIT includes booklets on how to get there, where to stay, rates, what to do—everything needed to plan a fun trip. Also has handy reference map.

GARDENING

20. BIG JOBS SEEM SMALL with powered lawn and garden equipment. Springfield riding mowers, tractors and garden tillers are described in color brochure by Quick Mfg. Co.

21. LIFE CAN BE SIMPLE with outdoor work savers that take care of lawn and garden jobs. A 31-page booklet by the Simplicity Mfg. Co. has pictures and specifications for its line of mowers, rollers and plows. Also lists attachments and accessories.

22. THE CARE OF LAWNS is covered in detail in a 22-page booklet that also includes tips on getting rid of bugs, crabgrass, weeds. Features special section on growing roses. Elanco Products Co.

MISCELLANEOUS

23. TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILL at pocket billiards is the object of a handy booklet by AMF called "Cue Tips." It covers proper stance, bridges and speed; explains the three most popular pocket billiards games.

24. A TEEN-AGE DAUGHTER will appreciate the marvelous grooming tips to be found in a booklet by the Scott Paper Co. that's entitled "Off to a Beautiful Start." Also includes ideas for making her room gay and pretty.

25. BUYING A SWIMMING POOL? You'll find valuable information in a 24-page booklet that describes the three basic types of pools, price ranges and "extras" you can buy. Also gives tips on maintenance costs and includes a check list for use in comparing pools. International Swimming Pool Corp. 25c.

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HOUSE POP ART BUILT *continued from page 162*

my 'Brillo Boxes' even more pleasurable."

"Pop art is more than modern, it's supramodern. Léger, Picasso may be good painters, but they are old masters, even Jasper Johns is an old master compared to Rosenquist and Lichtenstein. European paintings are sweet, decorative, old-fashioned. They don't have the bite that my pop pieces have; they are not as tough, great or exciting. I am not interested in the past, I do not want to see old buildings or old art. The only interesting thing coming out of Europe are the new sounds from England: the Beatles, the 'Big Beat.'"

"Young people react to my pop art with more enthusiasm than anyone else," Mr. Kraushar said when asked how his friends react to his collection; "my sons' friends, for instance. They love it. Their minds have not been prejudiced yet by learning art history, they have no preconceptions about what art *should* be. I think that the future of art is to become increasingly popular. With all the new leisure time, more people are interested in art than at any other time in history. Art is no longer an interest for the wealthy dowager: it must become an art of the masses and for the masses and that's the great role of pop art."

Mr. Kraushar's consuming passion for pop art did not begin until the house was already built. Decorator David Barrett had to neutralize and mute many of his color schemes in midstream to harmonize with the bold "Big Beat" tonalities of the paintings. And although the Kraushars are thrilled with their new house, they admit that if they could have predicted their addiction to pop art, they would have planned for less glass and more hanging space. But an addiction like Leon Kraushar's—a supramodern phenomenon of the Nineteen Sixties—is not easily predictable.

THE CARE OF BOOKS *continued from page 35*

and stiff spots which cannot be removed. Thin Japanese tissue and pure starch paste are the only proper materials for this job.

• Accidents happen, alas, and too frequently to your favorite books. For muddy stains, wipe off quickly with water (damp sponge) and mild soap if the page is very dirty. Blot, insert wax paper and press with a warm iron.

• Books left out in the rain are usually beyond recall since the paper and binding swell. Light moisture may be remedied, although never completely cured, by smoothing pages, inserting blotters or wax paper and keeping under heavy pressure for several days.

• Ink stains are sometimes effectively handled with a sharp steel eraser or an ink scratcher (a library tool), but scratch and erase lightly or else! If the ink has penetrated deeply, try a commercial ink eradicator, following directions to the letter lest you end up with a hole where once there was a page.

• Bookmarks are dandy when they are paper thin, and the best bookmarks are paper. A pox on rubber bands snapped over the pages, paper clips which are forgotten and left to rust, pencils and pens tucked in the hinges, mail stuffed in to bulge the covers, in fact, anything that is not specially made for the purpose. Forget the bejeweled, thick felt gift-shop number, too.

And never let anyone forget that books are not coasters, doorstops, window props, nor yet seats to raise the baby up to the table.

Hilaire Belloc expressed in "A Bad Child's Book of Beasts" the true bookman's sentiments: "Child! do not throw this book about; . . . Preserve it as your chiefest treasure."

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Here are a few sources and addresses for some of the aids and counselors mentioned above:

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